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Board of County Commissioners

Staff Report for November 13, 2025

Amendment Title	Area of Impact – City of Kootenai
File Number, Type:	AM0008-25; Modification to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai
Proposal:	Bonner County has proposed to modify the Area of Impact (AOI) for the City of Kootenai pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6509 and §67-6526. The AOI is a planning tool used to help the city project future growth planning. Idaho law requires each city to identify an area where it expects to grow over time. The AOI helps guide that planning efforts and it does not grant the city any governing authority over properties within the AOI.
Applicants:	City of Kootenai
Notice Provided:	Agency Notice: October 28, 2025 Published in Newspaper: October 28, 2025 Notice to Properties Owners: October 28, 2025 Notice of the public hearing to consider the proposal has been provided at least 15 days prior to the hearing to the political subdivisions providing services in Bonner County, to area newspapers, radio and television stations, incorporated cities within Bonner County, and the school districts, consistent with Idaho Code §67-6509.
Appendices	Appendix A – Notice of Public Hearing & Record of Mailing Appendix B – Agency Comments Appendix C – Original Proposal from the City of Kootenai Appendix D – Amended Proposal from the City of Kootenai Appendix E – Draft Ordinance Appendix F – Idaho Code §67-6526 (Area of Impact)

Project Authority:

This Ordinance is proposed under the authority granted at Idaho Code:

- §31-714 through §31-716 (Board of County Commissioners)
- §31-801 (Powers And Duties Of Board Of Commissioners);
- §67-6526 (Areas of Impact)

Public and Agency Comment:

Agency Review

A notice was provided to public agencies and political subdivisions in accordance with Idaho Code 67-6509, see Appendix A for a complete agency notification list.

The following agencies replied:

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District

The following agencies replied with “no comment”:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Idaho Transportation Department

No other agency comments were received.

Public Comments: As of the date of this staff report, several public comments were received regarding the proposal.

Historical Context and Legislative Changes:

The current Area of City Impact (ACI) agreement was adopted on November 10, 1994, via Ordinance 256. The ACI map was established on November 10, 1994 via Ordinance 257. These ordinances established the agreement between the County and the City and designated the geographic area of the ACI in accordance with Idaho Code §67-6526.

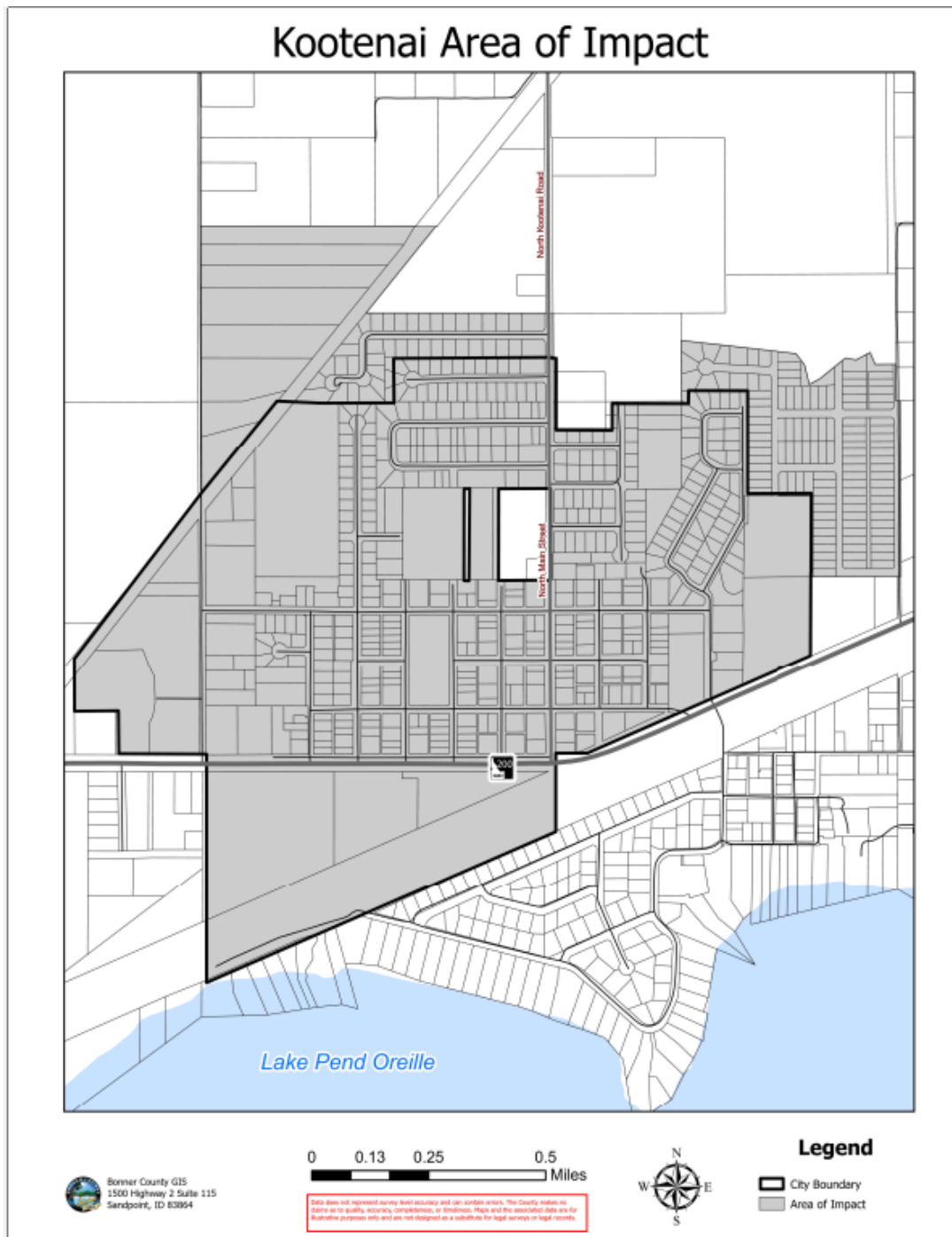
During the 2024 legislative session, Senate Bill 1403 was passed and signed into law. This bill amended Idaho Code §67-6526, making several substantive changes to the regulation of Areas of Impact.

Summary of Changes – Senate Bill 1403 (2024)

- **Area of Impact Boundaries (Idaho Code §67-6526):** Limits the maximum extent of a city's area of impact to areas that are very likely to be annexed to the city within the next five (5) years, and no more than two (2) miles beyond the existing city boundary. Counties retain discretion to establish smaller boundaries but cannot exceed the two-mile cap.

- Jurisdiction for Establishing Areas of Impact (Idaho Code §67-6526): Clarifies that counties have primary jurisdiction to adopt and regulate areas of impact.
- Mandatory Periodic Review (Idaho Code §67-6526(a)): Requires areas of impact to be reviewed at least every five (5) years. All existing areas of impact must be reviewed for compliance with the updated statute by December 31, 2025.

Proposed Area of Impact:



Public Notice Analysis:

Idaho Code §67-6526, as amended, requires that notice for a public hearing on a proposed Area of Impact boundary adjustment follow the procedures outlined in Idaho Code §67-6509. In addition, it requires that “written notice of the hearing to be conducted under this subsection shall be provided by the county to each owner of property located within a proposed area of impact.”

Upon receipt of the proposal from the City of Kootenai, Planning Staff collaborated with the GIS Department to map the geographic boundary of the proposed Area of Impact. Using this boundary, a list of property owners within the proposed AOI was generated based on records from the County Assessor’s Office. The list of property owners, along with a draft notice, was sent to the City of Kootenai’s planning staff for review and verification. Following this review, written notice was mailed to all property owners of record within the proposed Area of Impact boundary. The public notice, agency notice, and record of mailing can be found in Appendix A of this staff report.

Staff Analysis of the City Proposal:

Review of City of Kootenai Area of Impact Proposal for Compliance with Idaho Code § 67-6526

The City of Kootenai submitted a formal request to update its Area of Impact (AOI) boundary in accordance with Idaho Code §67-6526. The request was approved by the Kootenai City Council and submitted for the Board of County Commissioners’ consideration. The proposal can be found in Appendix D of this staff report.

At the June 16, 2025 hearing, the Board of Commissioners remanded the proposal back to the City of Kootenai for further consideration.

Under Idaho Code §67-6526(1), a city’s AOI may not extend more than two (2) miles beyond its incorporated boundaries. Kootenai’s original proposed AOI extends outward to the two-mile limit in multiple directions from the existing city limits. The amended proposal from the City, received on October 9, 2025, significantly reduced the proposed AOI from the original proposal. The amended proposal reflects discussions had at the June hearing and a subsequent workshop with the County on September 3, 2025.

The statute also requires that the AOI boundary include only areas that are “very likely to be annexed within the next five (5) years.” Over the past ten (10) years, Kootenai has annexed one property, a 6.786-acre parcel located on Seven Sisters Drive, currently developed as a storage facility. While this annexation reflects contiguous growth, the city’s proposal does not include infrastructure expansion plans, growth projections, or other documentation demonstrating the likelihood of additional annexations in the proposed AOI.

The proposal reflects a significant decrease of the current ACI and the original proposed Area of Impact. As submitted, the proposal but does not provide supporting evidence to demonstrate that the proposed area is “very likely” to be annexed into the city within five (5) years, as required by Idaho Code §67-6526(1)(b).

Idaho Code §67-6526 also requires that cities with abutting boundaries negotiate in good faith to recommend AOI boundaries. Kootenai has coordinated with neighboring jurisdictions, including the City of Ponderay. An area of overlap was identified along McGhee Road, where both Kootenai and Ponderay had proposed to include approximately 18 properties. The updated proposal from Kootenai did not include any of the areas of contention identified in the previous proposal.

Idaho Code §67-6526(a) provides that cities should receive notice of, and may provide input on, applications brought to the county within an Area of Impact. The draft ordinance includes a provision for notification at least thirty (30) days prior to any public hearing concerning land use applications within the AOI. The draft ordinance can be found in Appendix D of this staff report.

Planner's Initials: AF

Date: November 6, 2025

Note: The final decision rests with the governing body after the completion of the public hearing and consideration of all relevant oral and written testimony and evidence.

Motion by the Governing Body:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOTION TO APPROVE: I move to approve this FILE AM0008-25 to adopt, Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai pursuant finding that it **is** in accord with Idaho Code §67-6526, Areas of Impact. This decision is based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the Staff Report was prepared and testimony received at this hearing. I further move to adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the Staff Report (or as amended during this hearing) and direct staff planning to draft written findings and conclusions to reflect this motion, have the Chair sign, and transmit to all interested parties. This action does not result in a taking of private property.

BOARD MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE (Roll Call Vote): I move to approve an Ordinance of Bonner County, Idaho, the number to be assigned, citing its authority, and providing for the adoption the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai as presented or amended in this hearing, and providing for an effective date.

MOTION TO DENY: I move to deny this FILE AM0008-25 to adopt, Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai pursuant finding that it **is not** in accord with Idaho Code §67-6526, Areas of Impact. This decision is based upon the evidence submitted up to the time the Staff Report was prepared and testimony received at this hearing. I further move to adopt the findings of fact as set forth in the Staff Report (or as amended during this hearing) and direct planning staff to draft written findings and conclusions to reflect this motion, have the Chair sign, and transmit to all interested parties. This action does not result in a taking of private property.

Findings of Fact:

1. In 2024, the Idaho Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1403, which amended Idaho Code §67-6526, "Areas of Impact," revising the requirements for establishing and maintaining Areas of Impact.
2. Idaho Code §67-6526, as amended, requires that each city and the Board of County Commissioners adopt an updated Area of Impact by December 31, 2025, and review the agreement at least once every five (5) years thereafter.
3. The City of Kootenai's proposed AOI boundary shows a significant reduction from their current AOI boundary and their original proposed boundary.
4. Planning and GIS staff reviewed the City of Kootenai's proposed Area of Impact boundary and determined that it does not extend more than two (2) miles beyond the existing city limits, consistent with the limitations set forth in Idaho Code §67-6526(1).
5. Historical annexation activity over the past ten (10) years shows that the City of Kootenai has annexed only one property, a 6.786-acre parcel.
6. The City of Kootenai does not have any contended areas of interest with neighboring cities.
7. At the June 16, 2025 hearing, the Board remanded the proposal back to the City for further proceedings.
8. On September 3, 2025, the Board and the City of Kootenai held a joint workshop regarding the City's proposal and to gather information from the Board.

The complete file is available for review in the Planning Department, 1500 Highway 2, Suite #208, Sandpoint, ID. Staff reports are available online prior to the scheduled hearing at www.bonnercountyid.gov Bonner County Revised Code (BCRC) is available at the Planning Department or online.

Appendix A – Notice of Public Hearing Record of Mailing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this "Notice of Public Hearing" was digitally transmitted or mailed (postage prepaid) on this **28th** day of **October, 2025**.


Janna Brown, Administrative Assistant III

This notice was mailed to political subdivisions and the media on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bonner County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, November 13, 2025**, in the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, by Zoom teleconference, and YouTube Livestream to consider the following requests:

File AM0008-25 – Modification to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai

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For details regarding this application, Zoom teleconference, or YouTube livestream, visit the Planning Department web site at www.bonnercountyid.gov/departments/Planning. Staff reports are available online or may be viewed at the planning department approximately a week before the scheduled hearing.

Written statements must be submitted to the planning department record no later than seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. Written statements not exceeding one standard letter sized, single spaced page may be submitted at the public hearing. Statements can be sent to the Bonner County Planning Department at 1500 Highway 2, Suite 208, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864; faxed to 866-537-4935 or e-mailed to planning@bonnercountyid.gov. The referenced start time stated above reflects the beginning of the hearing. Specific file start time and hearing duration vary.

During the hearing for this application, the public will be given an opportunity to provide testimony and/or evidence regarding how the proposal does or does not comply with the applicable state statutes. At the close of the public hearing, the governing board will make a decision on the proposal that may include, but is not limited to, approval, denial, or continuance of the public hearing. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the public hearing should contact the Bonner County Planning Department at (208)265-1458 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing.

If you have no comment or response, you may indicate below and return this form to the Planning Department.

NO COMMENT _____
Name

Date

Appendix B – Agency Comments



Janna Brown <janna.brown@bonnercountyid.gov>

File AM0008-25 Modification

1 message

'Colleen Johnson' via Mail-Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>
Reply-To: Colleen Johnson <CJohnson@kootenaiponderaysewerdistrict.org>
To: Bonner County Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 2:16 PM

Good Afternoon:

Attached is the District's response to the above named file.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN HOURS: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. WE WILL BE OPEN NORMAL HOURS MONDAY THRU THURSDAY.

Colleen Johnson

Business Office Manager

Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District

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June 13, 2025

Bonner County Planning Department
1500 Highway 2, Suite 208
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RE: File AM0008-25 Modification to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai

Dear Sir or Madam:

The above-mentioned area is within the current boundaries of the Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District. The City of Kootenai needs to consider that the District is the wastewater utility provider for the area. The District is a separate entity from the City of Kootenai and, as such, considers the area within District boundaries as a whole in regard to providing wastewater services.

The District cannot guarantee services to areas even within the current boundaries if density levels are increased or changed outside of the Districts current planning for those areas. Municipalities being provided with service by the District need to be aware of the impact of their changes in planning on the ability of the District to provide additional wastewater service.

Sincerely,

/s/ Colleen F. Johnson

By: Colleen Johnson
Business Office Manager
Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District



Janna Brown <janna.brown@bonnercountyid.gov>

[EXT SENDER] RE: Bonner County Planning - AM0008-25 Agency Review - Modification to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai

1 message

DEQ Comments <deqcomments@deq.idaho.gov>
To: Bonner County Planning <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 3:48 PM

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment. DEQ has no environmental impact comments for the project listed above at this stage of development.

Thank you,

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
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www.deq.idaho.gov

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Subject: Bonner County Planning - AM0008-25 Agency Review - Modification to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai

CAUTION: This email originated outside the State of Idaho network. Verify links and attachments BEFORE you click or open, even if you recognize and/or trust the sender. Contact your agency service desk with any concerns.

The above-named application has been submitted to the Bonner County Planning Department for processing.

Please review the application relative to your agency's area of expertise and include any recommended conditions of approval and supporting code sections. Please see attached for details.

Thank you,

Janna Brown, Administrative Assistant III

Bonner County Planning Department

208-265-1458 ext - 1252



Janna Brown <janna.brown@bonnercountyid.gov>

[EXT SENDER] RE: Bonner County Planning - File AM0008-25 Agency Review

1 message

Horsmon, Merritt <merritt.horsmon@idfg.idaho.gov>
To: Bonner County Planning Department <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2025 at 10:48 AM

Hi Dylan,

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game does not have any comments to submit for this application.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment,

Merritt Horsmon

Regional Technical Assistance Manager

Panhandle Region

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1 message

Bates, Luke <Luke.Bates@idwr.idaho.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 1:20 PM

To: Bonner County Planning Department <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

REF: AM0008-25

TO: Dylan Young – Bonner County Planning Department Hearing Coordinator

Good afternoon,

Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) – Northern Regional Office offers the following comments pertaining to AM0008-25:

- IDWR requests that City's municipal provider(s) update their water system boundary map(s) if any changes occur that expand service area boundaries. The map changes do not result in changes from established recorded water rights on record but update IDWR of any changes to maintain current records on file.
- This potential update of records **does not constitute a condition of approval for proposed changes** to the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai as detailed in application AM0008-25.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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Appendix C – Original Proposal from the City of Kootenai



March 18, 2025

Via U.S. Mail and email

Bonner County Board of Commissioners
Bonner County Planning Director Jacob Gabell

Re: City of Kootenai Area of Impact Request

Dear Board of Commissioners and Planning Director:

Pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6526, "Areas of Impact," the City of Kootenai submits this formal response to the Bonner County Board of County Commissioners, requesting establishment of the City of Kootenai Area of Impact consistent with the attached map, and providing input on the County's consideration of an Area of Impact establishment ordinance.

Area of Impact Boundary

On December 10, 2024, Kootenai staff and Kootenai Mayor Nancy Lewis met with the neighboring City of Ponderay planning staff to review the current Area of City Impact (ACI) boundaries and potential new Area of Impact (AOI) boundaries that are required to be developed to replace the existing ACI boundaries. These reviews were conducted in accordance with the Areas of Impact law, which requires abutting cities to conduct negotiations and recommend proposed boundaries to their respective city councils. The Kootenai City Council reviewed Ponderay's proposed staff-recommended boundaries, which included properties along McGhee Road that are within the current Kootenai ACI. Kootenai City Council did not agree with the proposal to redraw its common ACI boundary line with Ponderay. Therefore, the cities are unable to reach agreement on a new boundary, necessitating the City of Kootenai to submit its separate request to the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6526 (3)(a).

In an attempt to identify the interests of affected property owners and assist the County in resolving this matter, the City of Kootenai conducted an informal survey of affected property owners in January. As a result of this survey, the Kootenai City Council believes it is in the best interest of these constituents to retain the current common area of impact boundary line between the two cities.

The following statements provide evidence in support the Kootenai Area of Impact request:

- The proposed boundary reflects the exclusion of any lands that are greater than the 2-mile limit set by the newly enacted Areas of Impact law.
- Lands included within the proposed boundary include higher density residential developments within Ponder Point, subdivisions just north of the city limits, and the Providence Road Subdivision. These areas enjoy the benefits of the City of Kootenai's newly developed pathway corridors to Kootenai Elementary School, future transportation connections to the school and commercial areas, a post office, and city parks.

- There is anticipated commercial development along the McGhee Road area and continued residential development to the immediate east and south on Whiskey Jack Road.
- The proposed boundaries form a logical area of interest geographically, with Lake Pend Oreille to the south, Boyer Slough to the east, and the rising hillsides to the north.

Area of Impact Ordinance

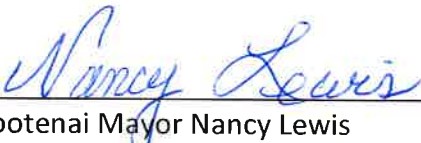
In addition to the AOI boundary request above, the City is also in receipt of the preliminary draft of the County's AOI establishment ordinance and provides the applicable comments detailed below.

The City recognizes that an underlying intent of the new AOI legislation is to standardize processes while ensuring that government entities can continue to collaborate on matters of growth and development that affect the citizens within its jurisdiction. A crucial component of this collaboration should include dialogue between the County and its cities regarding properties lying within an AOI boundary. To facilitate this, the City respectfully requests that any ordinance establishing an AOI within Bonner County include a requirement to notify an affected city of pending development within the area of impact. Kootenai has consistently reviewed and commented on Bonner County projects within its Area of City Impact since the boundaries were established and believes its participation can be a benefit to both the County and City as projects are considered. Providing this opportunity for meaningful input and discourse can ensure compatibility in future land use planning decisions. To accomplish this, such ordinance language should include notification to affected cities when there are proposed county zoning and comprehensive plan amendments, subdivisions, conditional use permits, and variances. Adding this requirement to the County's forthcoming ordinance will ensure the continuation of this practice and support of said ordinance by the City of Kootenai.

Please advise if additional mapping or AOI boundary details are needed, or if the County desires further explanation on the need for inclusion of notice language within its proposed ordinance. The City is prepared to send the County GIS Department a shape file of the proposed Area of Impact. The City looks forward to working together with the County to ensure a smooth adoption process of AOI boundaries and an ordinance that can protect the interests of both County and City.

Kootenai will provide additional information at the time of the public hearing. The City is willing to assist the County with future mapping and public notices. Please advise if additional mapping or other details are needed at this time.

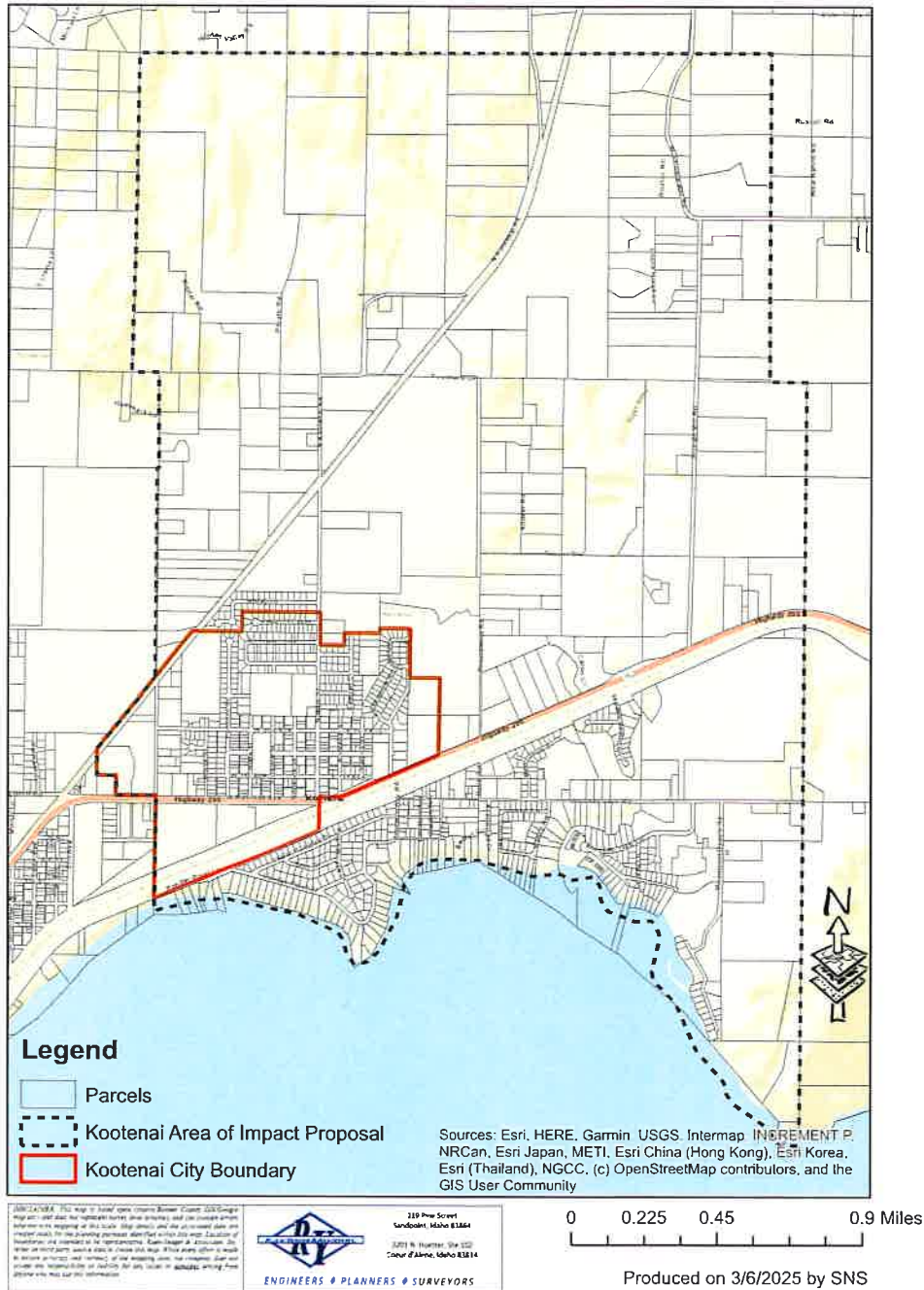
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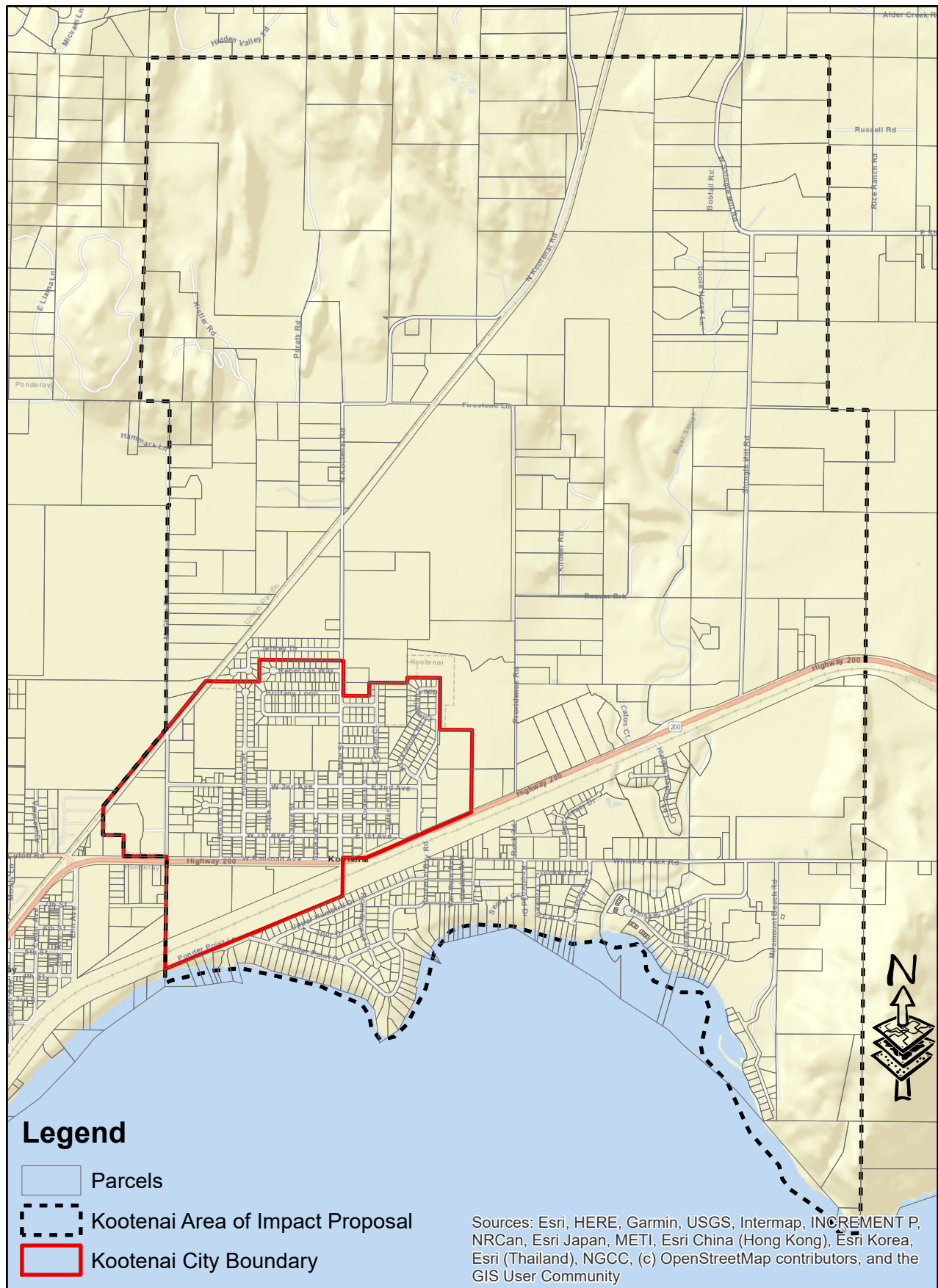
Attachment: City of Kootenai Area of Impact Proposal Map

C: *City Planners*
 City Attorney
 City Engineer
 County Civil Counsel

City of Kootenai Area of Impact Proposal



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Appendix D – Amended Proposal from the City of Kootenai



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October 09, 2025

Alex Feyen, Interim Planning Director, Bonner County Planning Department
Bonner County Board of Commissioners

RE: AM0008-25 City of Kootenai Area of Impact, Resubmittal of Proposed Area of Impact

Dear Mr. Feyen and County Commissioners:

On June 16, 2025, a public hearing was held between the Bonner County Board of Commissioners (County Commissioners) and the City of Kootenai (City) regarding the proposal for the City's Area of Impact (AOI), file AM0008-25, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6509 and §67-6526. At this hearing, the County Commissioners unanimously voted to remand file AM0008-25 to the City and requested the proposal be modified to reflect what is very likely to be annexed in the next five years. A decision letter dated July 02, 2025, provided this decision in writing to the City.

On September 03, 2025, a public workshop was held between the County Commissioners and the City to discuss potential changes to the original AOI proposal and to have clarification provided to the City by the County Commissioners on their decision-making standards.

At the October 07, 2025, City Council meeting, Council members voted unanimously to resubmit a proposal for the City's AOI that reflects only those areas very likely to be annexed in the next five years as requested. A copy of this revised proposed map is included with this letter.

This letter is the official submittal by the City of Kootenai to the Bonner County Commissioners requesting a public hearing for the review and determination on the attached revised area of impact map for the City of Kootenai.

Please contact city planners Tess Vogel or Clare Marley or the city clerk if you have any questions related to this letter.

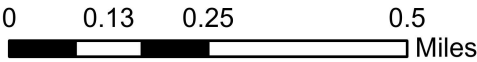
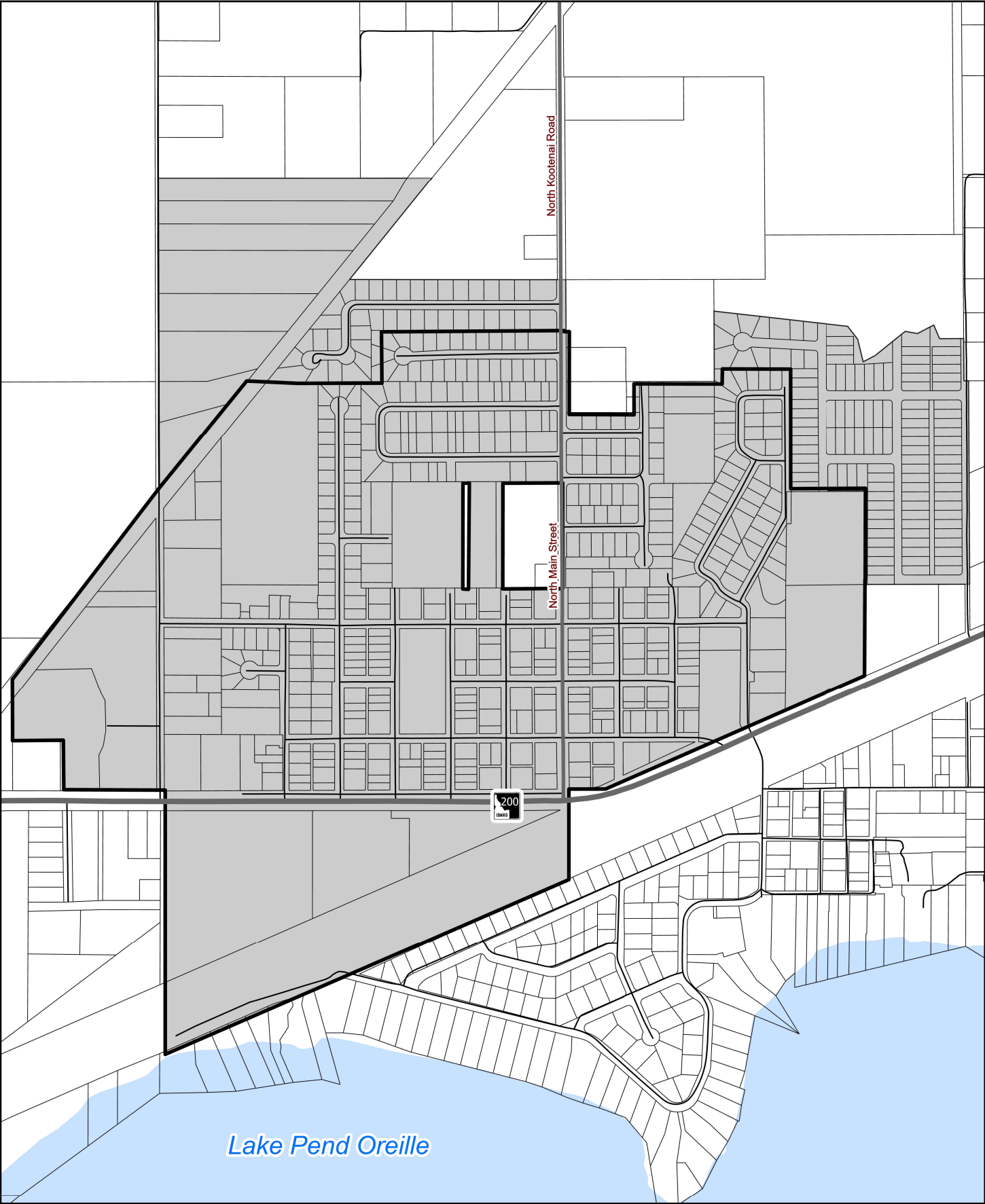
Sincerely,



Nancy Lewis, City of Kootenai Mayor

c: City Planner
Enclosed: Revised AOI map

Kootenai Area of Impact



Legend

- City Boundary
- Area of Impact

Appendix E – Draft Ordinance

Ordinance No. _____

**City of Kootenai Area of Impact Agreement
Bonner County Idaho**

AN ORDINANCE OF BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING AN AREA OF IMPACT FOR THE CITY OF KOOTENAI; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the Board of Bonner County Commissioners, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-6526, is authorized to establish an area of impact; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioner held a duly noticed public hearing on November 13, 2025; and

Whereas, this Ordinance is required by Idaho Code 67-6526;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish an Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai as required by Idaho Code § 67-6526. This ordinance ensures coordination between Bonner County and the City of Kootenai in planning and zoning matters while recognizing the county's jurisdiction over unincorporated areas.

SECTION 2. BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA OF IMPACT

The boundaries of the Area of Impact for the City of Kootenai shall be as depicted on the official map attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. The AOI boundary shall not exceed two (2) miles from the current city limits of Kootenai, except where necessary to include entire parcels of land or where geographic, infrastructure, or growth considerations warrant.

SECTION 3. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREA OF CITY IMPACT

In establishing the AOI boundaries, the following criteria were considered in compliance with Idaho Code § 67-6526(4):

1. **Anticipated Growth:** The AOI includes areas likely to experience residential and commercial growth within the next five (5) years.
2. **Geographic Factors:** The AOI considers topographical features, natural barriers, and other geographic constraints.
3. **Transportation Infrastructure:** The AOI encompasses areas with existing or planned transportation systems that connect to the City of Kootenai.
4. **Public Services:** The AOI includes areas where municipal or public sewer and water services are anticipated to be extended within five (5) years.
5. **Other Public Service District Boundaries:** The AOI aligns with existing public service district boundaries where applicable.

SECTION 4. APPLICABLE PLANS AND ORDINANCES

The Bonner County Comprehensive Plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances shall apply within the AOI. The county may adopt specific provisions for the AOI in coordination with the City of Kootenai. The City of Kootenai's comprehensive plan may be considered as an advisory document for planning purposes within the AOI. When not directly in conflict with Bonner County ordinances, land use ordinances in effect within the City of Kootenai may be considered by the Bonner County Planning Department when making discretionary decisions.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION

1. **Public Hearings:** The Board of County Commissioners shall notify the City of Kootenai at least thirty (30) days prior to any public hearing concerning land use applications within the AOI. As part of such public hearing process, the City of Kootenai shall be provided an opportunity to submit written comments or provide other evidence pertinent to the application.
2. **Review and Modification:** The AOI boundaries shall be reviewed at least once every five (5) years to determine if modifications are necessary. Any modifications shall follow the procedures outlined in Idaho Code § 67-6526(3).
3. **Repealer Clause:** All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entireties, including Bonner County Ordinance #256 recorded at Instrument #455522 and Ordinance #257 recorded at #455523, records of Bonner County, Idaho.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED as a ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho, done this 13th day of November, 2025 upon a majority vote.

BONNER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brian Domke, Chair

Asia Williams, Commissioner

Ron Korn, Commissioner

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale, Clerk

By Deputy Clerk

Date

Legal: _____

EXHIBIT A: OFFICIAL MAP OF THE AREA OF IMPACT

Appendix F -Idaho Code §67-6526 (Area of Impact)



Idaho Statutes

Idaho Statutes are updated to the website July 1 following the legislative session.

TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 65

LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING

67-6526. AREAS OF IMPACT. (1) Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The legislature finds that areas of impact are properly under the jurisdiction of the county because the elected representatives of citizens in areas of impact are county officials, not city officials. While cities should receive notice of, and may provide input on, applications brought to the county in an area of impact, cities do not govern or control decisions on those applications. County commissioners make the final determination regarding area of impact boundaries within their county.

(b) An area of impact is where growth and development are expected to occur. Areas of impact should be planned for growth and development and should not be used to stop growth and development that conforms to applicable plans and ordinances. Areas of impact should be established, modified, or confirmed based on the ability and likelihood of a city or cities to annex lands within that area of impact in the near future. A city may adopt a comprehensive plan and conduct infrastructure, capital improvement, and other planning activities that extend beyond its current area of impact. Counties and cities shall review their area of impact boundaries at least every five (5) years to determine if modifications are needed or to confirm existing boundaries and may pursue modification of an established area of impact more frequently than every five (5) years.

(c) Prior to conducting the public hearings required under this chapter to establish, modify, or confirm an area of impact, cities and counties should work together to develop a proposed area of impact to be considered at the public hearing.

(d) Decisions regarding the establishment, modification, or confirmation of areas of impact are legislative actions and are not subject to judicial review or challenge except as provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(2) Establishing an area of impact.

(a) Following the notice and hearing procedures provided in section 67-6509, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, the board of county commissioners of each county shall adopt by ordinance a map identifying the area of impact within the unincorporated area of the county for each city located in the county. Written notice of the hearing to be conducted under this subsection shall be provided by the county to each owner of property located within a proposed area of impact. If notice is also published pursuant to section 67-6509, Idaho Code, individual property owners may not challenge the proceeding on the basis that they did not actually receive notice by mail. The cost of the notice shall be

reimbursed to the county by the city whose area of impact is under consideration. The board of county commissioners is not required to receive a recommendation from the planning and zoning commission prior to enacting an ordinance establishing an area of impact. An area of impact must be established before a city may annex adjacent territory pursuant to the provisions of section 50-222, Idaho Code.

(b) If the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection are not met in establishing an area of impact, the city may demand compliance with this subsection by providing notice to the board of county commissioners of the demand for compliance. Once a demand has been made, a recommendation committee shall be established. The city and county shall each select a representative to participate on the committee within thirty (30) days of the demand for compliance and the process set forth in this paragraph shall commence.

(i) After the city and county representatives have been selected, they shall in turn select another city representative living within the applicable city and another county representative living in the county and not within any city to serve on the recommending committee. Meetings of the recommending committee may be hosted by the city or county and shall be conducted in accordance with Idaho open meetings law. These four (4) persons shall, by majority vote, provide a written recommendation to the board of county commissioners for an area of impact. The written recommendation shall be submitted to the governing boards within one hundred eighty (180) days after the selection of the recommending committee members.

(ii) If the board of county commissioners fails to enact an ordinance providing for an area of impact within ninety (90) days of receipt of the committee recommendation or expiration of the one hundred eighty (180) days for the committee to make its recommendation, the city may file a petition with the district court to identify the area of impact pursuant to subsection (5) of this section and in accordance with other applicable provisions of this section.

(3) Modification or confirmation of area of impact boundaries.

(a) Modification or confirmation of an existing area of impact boundary may be initiated by a city or cities or the county. If a county is initiating a modification or confirmation of an area of impact, the county shall provide at least thirty (30) days written notice to the applicable city or cities of the hearing on the proposed modification or confirmation. Any modifications to or confirmation of an area of impact boundary must be adopted by an ordinance approved by the board of county commissioners of the applicable county, following the notice and hearing procedures provided in section 67-6509, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the requirements for defining an area of impact as set forth in subsection (4) of this section. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing, written notice of the hearing to be conducted under this paragraph shall be provided by the county to each owner of property located within the portion of the area of impact that is proposed to be modified. If notice is also published pursuant to section 67-6509, Idaho Code, individual property owners may not challenge the proceeding on the basis that they did not actually receive notice by mail. If the modification or confirmation

is proposed by a city, then the cost of the notice shall be reimbursed to the county by such city. If the county is pursuing the modification or confirmation, then the cost of notification shall be borne by the county. The board of county commissioners is not required to receive a recommendation from the planning and zoning commission prior to enacting an ordinance modifying or confirming an area of impact.

(b) Where areas of impact abut each other and adjustments are being proposed, or where areas of impact are proposed to abut each other, the cities involved shall negotiate boundary adjustments to be recommended to the respective city councils. The city council of each city must approve the area of impact or modifications thereto to be proposed to the board of county commissioners. These decisions by the city councils are proposals and not subject to judicial review or challenge. If the cities with impact area boundaries that abut or are proposed to abut each other reach agreement on the proposed boundaries or adjustments thereto, the requested boundaries or adjustments shall be collectively submitted by the cities to the county for consideration in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection. If the cities cannot reach agreement, then any or all of the cities involved may submit their requests to the board of county commissioners for consideration pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection. In either case, the county shall conduct at least one (1) consolidated public hearing where it considers all such requests together.

(c) The county may accept, reject, or modify a city's requested modification or confirmation regarding an impact area boundary, but if the county does not make a final decision on the request within ninety (90) days of submission of the request, the city may petition the court to make a determination on the request pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

(4) Provisions applicable to areas of impact.

(a) In defining an initial area of impact or in modifying or confirming an existing area of impact, the criteria set forth in this subsection shall be considered:

- (i) Anticipated commercial and residential growth;**
- (ii) Geographic factors;**
- (iii) Transportation infrastructure and systems, including connectivity;**
- (iv) Areas where municipal or public sewer and water are expected to be provided within five (5) years; and**
- (v) Other public service district boundaries.**

(b) In addition to the criteria set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection, an area of impact shall not exceed the areas that are very likely to be annexed to the city within the next five (5) years. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, an area of impact shall not extend more than two (2) miles from existing city limits. An area of impact boundary shall not divide county recognized parcels of land. If only a portion of a recognized parcel falls within the two (2) mile limit, then the boundary may extend beyond two (2) miles on that parcel so that it encompasses the entire parcel. Adjustments to an area of impact may be proposed and considered at any time following the initial establishment of the area of impact.

(c) Areas of impact may cross county boundaries only by approval of the governing board of county commissioners after following the procedures and complying with the requirements for modification or confirmation of an area of impact boundary.

(d) Areas of impact shall not overlap.

(e) The applicable county's comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances shall apply in the area of impact. The county may adopt individual county comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinance provisions regarding a specific area of impact.

(f) Following adoption of an area of impact, the board of county commissioners shall provide the city with written notice at least fifteen (15) days in advance of any county public hearings held pursuant to this chapter or to chapter 13, title 50, Idaho Code, involving land within that area of impact.

(g) Areas of impact shall remain fixed until modifications are made pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(h) Prior to considering a request to establish, modify, or confirm an area of impact, the governing boards may, but are not required to, submit the request to the planning, zoning, or planning and zoning commission for recommendation. Each commission shall have a reasonable time fixed by its governing board in compliance with all required timelines set forth in this section to make its recommendation to the governing board. The county and the city shall undertake a review of the area of impact at least once every five (5) years and shall consider whether adjustments are in the best interests of the citizenry.

(i) This section shall not preclude annexation or other growth and development in areas of any county within the state of Idaho that are not within the areas of impact provided for herein.

(j) The county's decision establishing, modifying, or confirming the boundaries for an area of impact shall be made in writing and shall contain the reasoning of the board of county commissioners, including application of the facts relied upon by the commissioners and the application of the pertinent requirements and criteria to establish or modify an area of impact.

(k) If the area of impact has been properly established, persons living within the delimited area of impact shall be entitled to representation on the planning, zoning, or the planning and zoning commission of the city of impact. Such representation shall as nearly as possible reflect the proportion of population living within the city as opposed to the population living within the areas of impact for that city. To achieve such proportional representation, membership of the planning, zoning or planning and zoning commission may exceed twelve (12) persons, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 67-6504, Idaho Code. In instances where a city has combined either or both of its planning and zoning functions with the county, representation on the resulting joint planning, zoning or planning and zoning commission shall as nearly as possible reflect the proportion of population living within the impacted city, the area of impact outside the city, and the remaining unincorporated area of the county. Membership on such a joint planning, zoning or planning and zoning commission may exceed twelve (12) persons, notwithstanding the provisions of section 67-6504(a), Idaho Code.

(5) Petitions for review of establishment, modification, or confirmation of area of impact. The decisions by the board of county commissioners regarding the establishment, modification, or confirmation of areas of impact are legislative actions and are not subject to judicial review, declaratory action, or other legal challenge, except as specifically provided in this subsection.

(a)(i) If a county has not complied with the provisions of subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the city seeking the establishment, modification, or confirmation of an area of impact may petition the district court to establish, modify, or confirm an area of impact that meets the criteria and requirements of subsection (4) of this section in accordance with the procedures provided in this subsection. If the modification of an area of impact boundary involves areas of impact boundaries that abut each other or that are proposed to abut each other, then any city whose area of impact abuts or is proposed to abut another area of impact boundary may file a petition challenging the county's determination regarding only those boundaries that abut or that are proposed to abut each other. Any petition regarding a proposed area of impact or portion thereof that is subject to challenge must be filed in the county in which the proposed area of impact or portion thereof is located.

(ii) Before a city may file a petition for review of an area of impact decision made by the county, as provided in paragraph (a)(i) of this subsection, it must first file a request for reconsideration with the board of county commissioners. Such request must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the written decision by the board of county commissioners and must specify deficiencies in the decision of the board of county commissioners. Filing a timely request for reconsideration is a prerequisite to the city having standing to file a petition with the district court. The county shall act on and issue a written decision on the request for reconsideration within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request or the request shall be deemed denied. A petition challenging the decision of the county must be filed by the city within twenty-eight (28) days after the issuance of a decision by the county on the request for reconsideration or expiration of the thirty (30) day period for the county to act on the request.

(b) When filing a petition challenging the decision of the board of county commissioners with the clerk of the court, the petitioner shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), which fee shall be in full for all clerk's fees except the regular fees provided by law for appeals. The court shall fix a time for the hearing on the petition to be held no less than thirty (30) days and no more than ninety (90) days from the filing of the petition. The petitioner shall serve or cause to be served a copy of the petition and notice of the hearing on the board of county commissioners or county clerk and the mayor or city clerk of such other city whose area of impact boundary is in question pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection at least twenty (20) days before the date of the hearing.

(c) No petition, objection, or reply authorized under this subsection need be verified.

(d) The hearing on a petition filed pursuant to this subsection shall be held within the county in which the area of impact or portion thereof is situated. The regular district court reporter shall reduce to writing the testimony and evidence introduced in the same manner as in a trial of civil actions. The judge of the court, either before or after the hearing, may view the lands pertaining to the proposed area of impact, lands on the outside of the city or cities in the same vicinity in which the lands sought to be included in the area of impact are situated, and other lands within the corporate limits of the city that might in any way be affected by the granting of the petition. The judge may consider such modifications as the judge finds in connection with the evidence introduced at the hearing, in making and arriving at a final decision and determination of the matter.

(e)(i) If the court finds that the board of county commissioners did not follow the notice and hearing requirements provided in this subsection, the court shall remand the matter back to the board of county commissioners to comply with the requirements and issue a new decision. If the court finds that the decision of the board of county commissioners was not arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion, the court shall affirm the decision of the board of commissioners. If the court finds that the decision of the board of county commissioners was arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion, the court may remand the matter to the board of county commissioners to correct its decision or the court may determine the appropriate boundaries of the area of impact in question before it. It shall not be necessary for the judge of the court to make written findings of fact or conclusions of law unless the court establishes the area of impact boundary. The court may award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in such an action only if it finds that the other party or parties acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law.

(ii) If the court establishes the area of impact boundary, such boundary shall become the area of impact boundary as of the date of the decree establishing the boundary. Within twenty (20) days after the filing of the decree, the petitioner shall file or cause to be filed with the county recorder and with the city clerk a certified copy of the decree. The board of county commissioners shall adopt an ordinance consistent with the court decree within thirty (30) days of the entry of the decree or be subject to contempt and other sanctions or actions deemed appropriate by the court.

(f) Any city or county aggrieved by the decision of the court may appeal from the decision and judgment to the supreme court. The procedure of the appeal shall be the same as the procedure for appeals from final judgment in civil actions.

(6) Cities and counties shall review their existing areas of impact and shall reestablish the areas in conformance with the provisions of this section by December 31, 2025. Failure to timely conduct such review and reestablishment shall nullify the current area of impact boundaries and require the city and county to go through the process set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

History:

[67-6526, added 1975, ch. 188, sec. 2, p. 515; am. 1977, ch. 155, sec. 1, p. 396; am. 1979, ch. 87, sec. 1, p. 212; am. 1993, ch. 55, sec. 1, p. 150; am. 1995, ch. 118, sec. 97, p. 506; am. 1996, ch. 116, sec. 2, p. 428; am. 1999, ch. 251, sec. 1, p. 651; am. 2002, ch. 333, sec. 6, p. 947.; am. 2024, ch. 227, sec. 2, p. 796.]

How current is this law?