



## City of Ketchum

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### Join Ketchum's Discussion on Historic Preservation

KETCHUM, Idaho – On Dec. 2, the city will begin additional outreach on its historic preservation project. A questionnaire and Doodle poll will be launched on the city website where people can sign up for virtual small group sessions starting Dec. 2.

On Oct. 19, Ketchum City Council adopted an emergency ordinance to place a 90-day pause on the demolition of structures in downtown Ketchum. The purpose of the ordinance is to address the potential loss of key historic resources associated with redevelopment in the downtown core.

The city received over 160 responses to its initial community survey conducted through the month of November. The results represented support for preservation of buildings representative of Ketchum's character.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw is pleased with the interest from the community. "This is a significant topic to consider," he said. "It is important to plan the future of Ketchum by paying homage to the past."

Moving into December, the city will begin the conversation on practical solutions to preserve Ketchum's character-defining features in the downtown, while also ensuring future growth over time.

Join the city in discussing the realm of possibilities and learn more about what other western communities have considered and implemented.

This effort will influence a potential interim ordinance to be in effect for one year. The city will ask for feedback on the creation of a complete program that includes baseline protections.

This will set the foundation for future public opportunities to begin in January, when the city and community will delve deeper into features and characteristics to help build potential programs and design guidelines to further the preservation efforts. These features may include incentives, guidelines, and other tools for protection that will be part of a permanent ordinance.

If you desire to join the discussion, please sign up on the Doodle poll at [www.ketchumidaho.org/communityconversations](http://www.ketchumidaho.org/communityconversations) for a virtual small group session.

If you have questions or you are unable to participate via this method of communication, please email [participate@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:participate@ketchumidaho.org) or call 726-7803.

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## **About the City of Ketchum**

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. In 2018, Ketchum was awarded designation by the International Dark-Sky Association as a Dark Sky Community and is included in the Nation's first International Dark Sky Reserve, one of only 13 in the world. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit [www.ketchumidaho.org](http://www.ketchumidaho.org).