

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT  
FOR THE  
CITY OF DEER LODGE

If adopted by the voters, the government of the city of Deer Lodge shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203: Revised Codes of Montana, 1947. Commission-executive form.

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47A-3-203. Commission-executive form.

(1) The commission-executive form (which may be called the "council-executive," the "council-mayor," or the "commission-mayor" form) consists of an elected commission (which may be referred to as the "council") and one elected executive (who may be referred to as the "mayor") who is elected at large.

- (2) The executive shall:
  - (a) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;
  - (b) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance, or resolution;
  - (c) administer affairs of the local government;
  - (d) carry out policies established by the commission;

- (e) recommend measures to the commission;
  - (f) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
  - (g) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;
  - (h) report to the commission as the commission may require;
  - (i) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;
  - (j) execute the budget adopted by the commission;
  - (k) appoint, with the consent of the commission, all members of boards; except, the executive may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the executive.
- (3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the items listed below:
- (a) The executive shall appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist him in the supervision and operation of the local government. Such administrative assistants shall be answerable solely to the executive.
  - (b) The executive may appoint and remove all employees of the local government.
  - (c) The executive may veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the commission.
  - (d) The executive may prepare the budget and present it to the commission for adoption.
  - (e) The executive may exercise control and supervision of the administration of all departments and boards.
  - (f) A financial officer (who may be called the "treasurer") may, at the discretion of the commission, be selected as provided by ordinance.
  - (g) The commission shall be elected by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population.
  - (h) Local government elections shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis as provided in this title.
  - (i) The commission shall have a chairman who shall be elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

(j) The executive shall decide all tie votes of the commission, but shall have no other vote. The chairman of the commission shall preside if the executive is absent.

(k) Commission members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

(l) The size of the commission shall be eight (8) members, two (2) to be elected from each of four (4) districts, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(m) The term of office of elected officials shall be four (4) years.

(4) The plan of government shall authorize self-government powers.

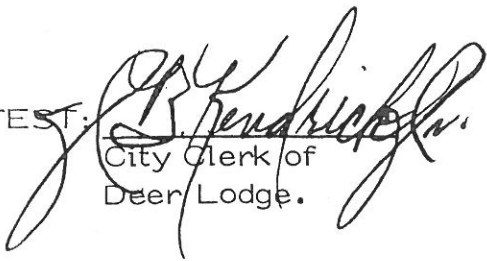
We, the Study Commissioners of the City of Deer Lodge do hereby certify that this is the proposed Plan of Government as established in Section 47A-3-203: Revised Codes of Montana, 1947.

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In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Deer Lodge this 25th day of May, 1976.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk of  
Deer Lodge.

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Harold Ericson  
Hilma H. Gant  
Local Government Study Commissioners