

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT
FOR
THE TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG

Upon approval of the majority of voters the government of the Town of Philipsburg shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203, Revised Codes of Montana 1947, which establish the following form of government which shall be called the MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM:

- (1) The mayor-council form consists of an elected council and one elected executive who is elected at large.
- (2) The mayor 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 council; (e) recommend measures to the council; (f) report to the council on the affairs and financial condition of the local government; (g) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the council, subject to the approval of the council; (h) report to the council as the council may require; (i) attend council meetings and may take part in discussions; (j) execute the budget adopted by the council; (k) appoint, with the consent of the council, all members of boards; except, the mayor may appoint without the consent of the council temporary advisory committees established by the mayor.
- (3) The plan of government shall include the following:
 - (a) The mayor may: (i) 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 mayor.
 - (b) The mayor may: (iv) appoint and remove, with the consent of a majority of the council, all department heads. The mayor may appoint and remove all other employees of the local government.
 - (c) The mayor may: (ii) veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the council.
 - (d) The mayor may: (ii) prepare the budget in consultation with the council and department heads.
 - (e) The mayor may: (ii) exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the council.
 - (f) A financial officer (who may be called the treasurer): (ii) shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council.
 - (g) The council shall be: (iv) elected by any combination of wards in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, and at large.
 - (h) Local government elections shall be conducted on a: (ii) non-partisan basis as provided in this title.

Page 2: Certificate of Proposed Plan of Government.

(i) The council shall have a chairman who shall be: (ii) selected as provided by ordinance.

(j) The presiding officer of the council shall be: (i) the chairman of the council who may vote as other members of the council.

(k) Council members shall be elected for: (ii) overlapping terms of office.

(1) The size of the council, which shall be a number not less than three (3), shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters, and; (ii) community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance. The council shall consists of six (6) members.

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

(4) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing: (a) general government powers.

We, the Study Commissioners of the Town of Philipsburg, do hereby certify that this is the Proposed Plan of Government approved by the Study Commissioners of the Town of Philipsburg.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Philipsburg this 19th day of July 1976.

ATTEST: Jens Hansen
CLERK
OF
THE TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG

Robert E. Ivie
ROBERT IVIE, CHAIRMAN

James M. McDonald
JAMES McDONALD

Quentin Sannes
QUENTIN SANNES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONERS

SEAL