

**A MESSAGE FROM THE RED LODGE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**IS A CITY CHARTER
RIGHT FOR RED LODGE?**

The Voters Will Decide on November 5!

ADVANTAGES OF A CITY CHARTER

- ✓ Clarification of the responsibilities and roles of the mayor and council.
- ✓ Specific limits on the taxing powers of the city government.
- ✓ Required public hearings before any increase in city fees.
- ✓ Continuation of self-government powers for the City.
- ✓ Easier citizen understanding of what city government can and **cannot do**.

DISADVANTAGES OF A CITY CHARTER

- ✓ No known disadvantages.

Free copies of the charter are now available at City Hall
and on the City's web site at:

redlodge.com

Dear Red Lodge Citizens,

The Mayor and the members of the City Council are unanimous in proposing the attached city charter to the Voters of Red Lodge for your consideration.

We unanimously agree that the advantages of adopting a self-government charter include:

- Clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the mayor and council.
- Specific limits on the taxing powers of city government.
- Required public hearings before any increase in city fees.
- Continuation of self-government powers for the City.
- Easier citizen understanding of what city government can and **cannot do**.

After careful consideration we have also concluded that the adoption of a city charter by the Voters poses no disadvantages for the citizens, taxpayers and residents of Red Lodge. A comparison of the important characteristics of the existing and proposed plans of government is included for your consideration.

We urge all Red Lodge Voters to study the proposed charter (copies of which are available at no cost in city hall and on the City's web site (redlodge.com) and to discuss its provisions with your Alderman or with the Mayor. If you have any questions, please don't be reluctant to contact any or all of your city officials.

Sincerely,

Brian Roat, Mayor

Dr. Richard Gessling, Pres., Ward 3

Doug Carpenter, Ward 3

Anne Rood, Ward 2

Charlie Brandine, Ward 2

Al Miller, Ward 1

Tera Reynolds, Ward 1

P.S. Please Vote on November 5.