

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT
FOR
GRANITE COUNTY

If ratified by the voters, the government of Granite County shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-205: Revised Codes of Montana 1947, establishing the following form of government which shall be called the COMMISSION FORM.

(1) The commission form consists of an elected commission and other elected officers as provided in this section. All legislative, executive, and administrative powers and duties of the local government not specifically reserved by law or ordinance to other elected officers shall reside in the commission. The commission shall appoint department heads and other employees other than those appointed by elected officials.

(2) The plan of government shall also include the following:

(a) The commission shall be: (iii) nominated by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, but elected at large.

(b) Local government elections shall be conducted on a: (i) partisan basis as provided in this title.

(c) The chairman of the commission, shall be the presiding officer of the commission. All members of boards and committees shall be appointed by the chairman with the consent of the commission. The chairman shall be recognized as the head of the local government unit and he may vote as other members of the commission. The chairman shall be: (i) elected by the members of the commission from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

(d) The commission: (ii) may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist them in the supervision and operation of the local government.

(e) Commission members shall be elected for: (ii) overlapping terms of office.

(f) The size of the commission shall be three (3) members, And: (ii) community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(g) The term of office of the commissioners shall be six (6) years. Other elected officials shall serve four (4) year terms.

(3) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall further define the structural characteristics of the form. The officers shall have the powers and duties established by ordinance. After the establishment of any office, the commission may consolidate, as provided by law, two or more of the offices.

(a) A legal officer (called the county attorney): (i) shall be elected.

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- (b) A law enforcement officer (called the sheriff): (i) shall be elected.
- (c) A clerk and recorder: (i) shall be elected.
- (d) A clerk of district court: (i) shall be elected.
- (e) A treasurer: (i) shall be elected.
- (f) A surveyor: (vi) shall not be included in this form as a separate office.
- (g) A superintendent of schools: (vi) shall not be included in this form as a separate office.
- (h) An assessor: (i) shall be elected.
- (i) A coroner: (vi) shall not be included in this form as a separate office.
- (j) A public administrator: (i) shall be elected.
- (k) An auditor: (vi) shall not be included in this form as a separate office.
- (4) The plan of government shall have general government powers.

SEAL

We, the Study Commissioners of Granite County do hereby certify that this is the proposed Plan of Government as established by Section 47A-3-205: Revised Codes of Montana 1947.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Philipsburg this 29th day of July 1976.

ATTEST:

Maud Morrison
CLERK AND RECORDER
OF
GRANITE COUNTY

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