

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE RATIFIED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT FOR

MILES CITY, MONTANA

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As ratified by the voters on November 2, 1976, the government of Miles City, Montana shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203: Revised Codes of Montana 1947.

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These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the COUNCIL-MAYOR FORM.

- (1) The council-mayor form consists of an elected council and the mayor 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) Structural characteristics of the council-mayor form:

(a) The mayor may 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 appoint, with the consent of a majority of the council, all department heads. He may remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other department employees.

(c) The mayor may veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the council.

(d) The mayor may prepare the budget in consultation with the council and department heads.

(e) The mayor may exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the council.

(f) A treasurer shall be elected.

(g) The council 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 partisan basis as provided in this title.

(i) The council shall have a chairman who shall be elected by the members of the council from their own number for a term established by ordinance.

(j) The presiding officer of the council shall be the mayor who shall decide all tie votes of the council, but shall have no other vote. The chairman of the council shall preside if the mayor is absent.

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

(l) The council shall have eight members, and community councils to advise council members may be authorized by ordinance.


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


(4) The mayor-council form of government shall have general government powers.

I, George T. Kurkowski, Chairman of the Miles City Local Government Study Commission, do hereby certify that this is the Plan of Government as ratified by the voters.

In testimony whereof, I set my hand this 18 day of November, 1976, at Miles City, Montana.

ATTEST:


Clerk of Miles City, Montana


Chairman