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### ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

#### FOR VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA

Upon approval of the majority of voters, the government of Virginia City shall be organized under the following provisions of Sections 7-3-501 through 7-3-517 M.C.A.

These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the COMMISSION-CHAIRMAN FORM.

**7-3-501. Commission-chairman form.** The commission-chairman form consists of an elected commission (which may also be referred to as the council) and a commission chairman (who may also be referred to as mayor or as president) elected by the members of the commission from their own number and serving at the pleasure of the commission.

**7.3-502 (2). Nature of government.** The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing self-government powers.

**7-3-503. Role and duties of chairman.** The commission chairman shall:

- (1) be the presiding officer of the commission, be recognized as the head of the local government unit, have the power to vote as other members of the commission, be the chief executive officer of the local government; and
- (2) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;
- (3) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance, or resolution;
- (4) administer the affairs of the local government;
- (5) direct, supervise, and administer all departments, agencies, and offices of the local government except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance;
- (6) carry out policies established by the commission;
- (7) prepare the commission agenda;
- (8) recommend measures to the commission;
- (9) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
- (10) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;
- (11) report to the commission as the commission may require;
- (12) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;
- (13) execute the budget adopted by the commission;
- (14) appoint, with the consent of the commission, all members of boards and committees; except the chairman may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the chairman;
- (15) appoint, with the consent of a majority of the commission, all department heads, and

the chairman may remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other employees;  
(16) prepare the budget and present it to the commission for adoption;  
(17) exercise control and supervision over the administration of departments and boards.

**7-3-512 (1). Selection of commission members.** The commission shall be elected at large.

**7-3-513 (2). Type of election.** Local government elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis.

**7-3-514 (2). Administrative assistants.** The commission chairman may appoint one or more administrative assistants to assist him in the supervision and operation of the local government, and such administrative assistants shall be answerable solely to the chairman.

**7-3-515 (2). Terms of commission members.** Commission shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

**7-3-516 (2). Size of commission and community councils.** The size of the commission shall be five, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

**7-3-517. Terms of elected officials.** The term of office of elected officials shall be four (4) years.