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CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHING THE RATIFIED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT FOR

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA

As ratified by the voters on November 2, 1976, the government of Virginia City, Montana shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-206, R.C.M. 1947:

Commission-Chairman form.

(1) The commission-chairman form consists of an elected commission (which shall be referred to as the council), and a commission chairman (who will be referred to as mayor) elected by the members of the council from their own number.

(2) The council/~~chairman~~ ^{mayor} shall be elected by the members of the council from their own number to serve at the pleasure of the council. He shall: be the presiding officer of the council, be recognized as the head of the local government unit, have the power to vote as other members of the council, be the chief executive officer of the local government, and:

- (a) enforce laws, ordinances and resolutions;
- (b) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance or resolution;
- (c) administer the affairs of the local government;
- (d) direct, supervise and administer all departments, agencies and offices of the local government, except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance;
- (e) carry out policies established by the council;
- (f) prepare the council agenda;
- (g) recommend measures to the council;
- (h) report to the council on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
- (i) execute bonds, notes, contracts and written obligations of the council, subject to the approval of the council;
- (j) report to the council as the council may require;
- (k) attend council meetings and may take part in discussions;
- (l) execute the budget adopted by the council;
- (m) appoint with the consent of the council all members of boards and committees; except the mayor may appoint without the consent of the council temporary advisory committees established by the mayor;
- (n) appoint with the consent of a majority of the council all department heads. The mayor may remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other employees;
- (o) prepare the budget and present it to the council for adoption.
- (p) exercise control and supervision over the administration of departments and boards.

(3) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the items listed below:

(a)(1) The council shall be elected at large;

(b)(11) Local government elections shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis as provided in this title;

(c)(111) The question of appointing administrative assistants, listed as a sub-option, was approved - "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.

(d)(11) Council members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

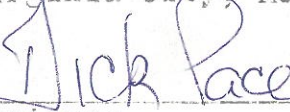
(e) The size of the council shall be five and: (11) community councils to advise council members may be authorized by ordinance.

(f) The term of office of elected officials may not exceed four (4) years with the exception that the mayor is to be elected annually by the council.

(4)(b) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing self-government powers.

I, Dick Pace, Chairman of the Virginia City 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 5th day of November, 1976 at Virginia City, Montana.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Clerk, Virginia City, Montana