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ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, WHEATLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the approval of the majority of the voters the government of the City of Harlowton shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203 of the R.C.M. 1947:

- (1) The commission-executive form (which may be called the "council-executive", The "council-mayor", or the "commission-mayor" form) consists of an elected commission (which may be referred to as the council) and one elected executive (who may be referred to as 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) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including one item from each of the choices:
 - (a) The mayor:
 - (i) 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:
 - (i) appoint, with the consent of a majority of the council all department heads. The mayor may remove department heads and may appoint and remove other department employees.
 - (c) The mayor may:
 - (i) veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to the over-ride by a two-thirds vote of the council.
 - (d) The mayor may:
 - (i) prepare the budget and present it to the council for adoption.
 - (e) The mayor may:
 - (i) exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the council.
 - (f) A financial officer (who may be called the Treasurer):
 - (i) shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council.
 - (g) The council shall be:
 - (i) nominated by Districts (wards) in which candidates must reside but elected at large. There shall be three (3) wards in Harlowton, apportioned by population.
 - (h) Local government elections shall be conducted on a:
 - (i) partisan basis as provided in this title.
 - (i) The council shall have a chairman who shall be:
 - (i) 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:
 - (i) 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-men shall be elected for:
 - (i) overlapping terms of office.
 - (l) The council shall consist of six (6) members, two (2) elected from each of the three (3) wards. and
 - (i) community councils to advise the council members may be authorized by ordinance.
 - (m) The term of office of the Mayor will be two (2) years.
The term of office for councilmen will be four (4) years.
- (4) The plan of government submitted to the qualified electors shall determine the powers of the local government unit by authorizing:
 - (a) Self-Government powers.

Certificate establishing the proposed Plan of Government (Con't)

We, the Study Commissioners of The City of Harlowton, do hereby certify that this is the Proposed Plan of Government approved by the Study Commissioners of The City of Harlowton.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at City Hall, Harlowton, Montana this 21st Day of July, 1976.

Signed: WALLY STETSON

Attest: Signed: SHEILA AUSTIN
Harlowton City Clerk

Signed: DOROTHY MORANG

Signed: DON HAMMEL, JR.

CITY OF HARLOWTON STUDY COMMISSIONERS