

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT
FOR
GARFIELD COUNTY

Upon the approval of the majority of the voters, the government of Garfield County shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47 A-3-205; Revised Codes of Montana, 1947 Commission Form.

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- (2) (a) (IV)
- (2) (b) (1)
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- (3) (f) (v1)
- (3) (g) (1)
- (3) (h) (1)
- (3) (i) (1)
- (3) (j) (1)
- (3) (k) (v1)
- (4)

47A-3-205 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 officials, shall reside in the commission. The commission shall appoint the heads of departments and other employees, except for those appointed by other elected officials.

(2) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the items listed below;

(a) The commission shall be elected by a combination of districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, and at large.

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

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

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

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

(f) The size of the commission shall be five members; three (3) to be nominated by district and elected at large, and two (2) to be elected at large, and 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 shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the following items. 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) shall be elected.

(b) A law enforcement officer (called the sheriff) shall be elected.

(c) A clerk and recorder shall be elected.

(d) A clerk of district court shall be elected.

(e) A treasurer shall be elected.

(f) A surveyor shall not be included in the form as a separate office.

(g) A superintendent of schools shall be elected.

(h) An assessor shall be elected.

(i) A coroner shall be elected.

(j) A public administrator shall be elected.

(k) An auditor shall not be included in the form as a separate office.

(4) The plan of government shall authorize general government.

Certificate of Proposed Plan of Government.

We, the Study Commission of Garfield
County, do hereby certify that this
is the Proposed Plan of Government
approved by the Study Commission of
Garfield County.

In testimony whereof, we set our han

Done at Jordan, Montana this 29th
day of July 1976

Cornelia Harbaugh
Cornelia Harbaugh. Secretary

F. S. McKeever
F. S. McKeever. Vice Chairman

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ATTEST:

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County Clerk and Recorder
Garfield County, Montana