

CERTIFICATE  
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT  
FOR  
TREASURE COUNTY

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

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- (2) (a) (iii)
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- (3) (j) (i)
- (3) (k) (vi)

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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 nominated by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population, but elected at large.

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

(c) The chairman of the commission, shall be the presiding officer of the commission. All members of boards and committees shall be appointed by the

chairman with the consent of the commission. The chairman shall be recognized as the head of the local government unit and may vote as other 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 the local government.

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

(f) The size of the commission shall be three (3) members, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(g) The term of office of the commissioners shall be four (4) 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 (call the "sheriff") shall be elected.

(c) A clerk and recorder shall be elected.

(d) A clerk of district court may at the discretion of the commission be selected as provided by ordinance.

(e) A treasurer-superintendent of schools shall be elected.

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

(g) A superintendent of schools shall not be included in the form as a separate office.

(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 powers.

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Certificate of Proposed Plan of Government

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

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

(SEAL)

Done at Hysham, MT this 21st day of September, 1976.

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Clerk & Recorder of  
Treasure County

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Joe F. Williams  
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Local Government Study Commissioner