

CERTIFICATE  
ESTABLISHING THE EXISTING PLAN OF GOVERNMENT  
FOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

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If retained by the voters, the government of Hamilton shall be organized under the following provisions of section 47A-3-203: Revised Codes of Montana 1947.

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These sections establish the following form of government which shall be called the mayor-council form.

- (1) The mayor-council consists of an elected council and one elected mayor who is elected at large.
- (2) The mayor shall govern the city under the basic powers granted to the mayor under 47A -3-203 -(2) R.C.M. 1947.
- (3) The plan of government shall further define the structural characteristics of the form by including the following:
  - (a) The mayor 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 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 department employees.
  - (c) The mayor may veto ordinances and resolutions, subject to override by a two-thirds vote of the council.

(d) The mayor may prepare the budget in consultation with the council and department heads.

(e) The mayor may 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") shall be elected.

(g) The council shall be elected by districts in which candidates must reside and which are apportioned by population.

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

(i) The council shall have a chairman who shall be 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 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 members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.

(l) The size of the council, which shall be a number not less than six (6) shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters, and community councils to advise council members may be authorized by ordinance.

(m) The term of office of elected officials shall be four (4) years, and shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters.

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

We, the Study Commissioners of the city of Hamilton do hereby certify that this is the existing Plan of Government as established by Section 47A-3-205: Revised Codes of Montana 1947.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Hamilton this 30 day of July.

Attest:

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City Clerk & Recorder

Hamilton, Montana

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