

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT
FOR
THE TOWN OF BELT

If adopted by the voters, the government of the town of Belt shall be organized under the following provisions of Section 47A-3-203, R.C.M. 1947, Commission-executive form:

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- (3)(a)(ii)
- (3)(b)(iii)
- (3)(c)(ii)
- (3)(d)(ii)
- (3)(e)(ii)
- (3)(f)(i)
- (3)(g)(i)
- (3)(h)(ii)
- (3)(i)(i)
- (3)(j)(iii)
- (3)(k)(ii)
- (3)(l)(ii)
- (3)(m)

- (4)(a)

47A-2-203. Commission-executive form.

(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 executive 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 commission;
 - (e) recommend measures to the commission;

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(f) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;

(g) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;

(h) report to the commission as the commission may require;

(i) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;

(j) execute the budget adopted by the commission;

(k) appoint, with the consent of the commission, all members of boards; except, the executive may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the executive.

(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) The executive:

(ii) 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 executive.

(b) The executive may:

(ii) appoint and remove, with the consent of a majority of the commission, all employees of the local government:

(c) The executive may:

(iii) sign all ordinances and resolutions with no veto power.

(d) The executive may:

(ii) prepare the budget in consultation with the commission and department heads.

(e) The executive may:

(ii) exercise control and supervision of all departments and boards to the degree authorized by ordinance of the commission.

(f) A financial officer (who may be called the "treasurer"):

(i) shall be elected.

(g) The commission shall be:

(i) elected at large.

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- (h) Local government elections shall be conducted on a:
 - (ii) nonpartisan basis as provided in this title.
 - (i) The commission shall have a chairman who shall be:
 - (ii) selected as provided by ordinance.
 - (j) The presiding officer of the commission shall be:
 - (iii) the executive who shall decide all tie votes of the commission, but shall have no other vote. The chairman of the commission shall preside if the executive is absent.
 - (k) Commission members shall be elected for:
 - (ii) overlapping terms of office.
 - (l) The size of the commission, which shall be a number not less than three (3), shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters; and
 - (ii) community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

The size of the commission shall be six (6) members.

- (m) The term of office of elected officials may not exceed four (4) years, and shall be established when the form is adopted by the voters.

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

- (a) general government powers.

We, the Study Commissioners of the town of Belt do hereby certify that this is the proposed Plan of Government as established by Section 47A-3-203, R.C.M. 1947.

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In testimony whereof, we the undersigned have set our hands this 1st day of August, 1976, at Belt, Montana.
Montana.

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