

**CITY OF RED LODGE**  
**COMPARISON OF SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MAYOR-COUNCIL PLAN OF GOVERNMENT**  
**WITH THE CHARTER FORM OF THE MAYOR-COUNCIL PLAN OF GOVERNMENT**  
**2002**

CHARACTERISTIC	PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT	PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT	COMMENTS
<b>FORM OF GOVERNMENT</b>	MAYOR-COUNCIL  Elected council performs policy making functions. Elected mayor administers government with the advise and consent of the council.	CHARTER  Elected council performs policy making functions. Elected mayor administers government with the advice and consent of council.	No change in the form of government, but the charter clarifies the governing roles of the mayor and council.
<b>POWERS</b>	Self-government powers	Self-government powers	No change except the charter limits the city's taxing authority to that of a general powers government and requires public hearings be held for any increase in fees and utility rates.
<b>GOVERNING BODY</b>	Council and mayor responsible for all legislative, executive and administrative functions.	Council and mayor responsible for all legislative, executive and administrative functions.	No change.
<b>Size</b>	6 council members elected from districts in non-partisan elections.	6 council members elected from districts in non-partisan elections.	No change in number on council or method of election.
<b>Term</b>	Two year overlapping terms.	Two year overlapping terms.	No change.
<b>Presiding Officer</b>	Mayor	Mayor	No change.
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</b>	The elected mayor administers the government on a part time basis.	The elected mayor administers the government on a part time basis.	No change.
<b>Powers and Duties</b>	The mayor carries out the policies of the council, advises the council, executes the budget, and enforces laws, ordinances and resolutions.	The mayor carries out the policies of the council, advises the council, executes the budget, and enforces laws, ordinances and resolutions.	No change.
<b>Appointment Powers</b>	The mayor appoints department heads and members of boards and commissions with the consent of the council.	The mayor appoints department heads and members of boards and commissions with the consent of the council.	No change.
<b>Budget Preparation</b>	Mayor prepares the budget in cooperation with department heads. Budget is then modified and approved by the city council.	Mayor prepares the budget in cooperation with department heads. Budget is then modified and approved by the city council.	No change.

**Please Vote on November 5.**