

August 19, 1987

Betty Jones
City Clerk
Drawer S
Troy, Mt. 59935

Dear Betty,

Enclosed you will find four documents. They are:

1. Certificate of the Existing Form of Government of Troy.
2. Certificate of the Proposed Form of Government (with districted elections).
3. Certificate of the Proposed Form of Government (with at large elections).
4. Certificate of Apportionment.

There are two things you should check on the existing form of government because they deviate from the statutory basis. They are 7-3-217, and 7-3-219. I believe that you can deviate in those two instances. The statutory basis calls for an elected finance officer and for partisan elections. I understand that you do not elect your finance officer. So I chose option 2 under that section of the law, guessing that it best described what you are doing. If that is not the appropriate option, please let me know and we will put in the right one. The other section 7-3-219 describes the type of elections you have. I understand that you have approved a resolution to have nonpartisan elections. Your certificate states that.

The certificates of the proposed form of government differ only in the method of choosing elected officials. When the council decides which method they wish to use you may keep the appropriate certificate.

The certificate of apportionment will only be needed if you retain districted elections. I don't have information on your district boundaries, so you will have to add that to the certificate.

I do not have the comparison done yet, but do plan to complete it and mail it to you tomorrow.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judy Mathre
Research Associate