

CITY OF SIDNEY GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION

FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of the City of Sidney:

The City of Sidney Study Commission elected by the voters on November 6, 1984, or thereafter appointed, present this final report to the citizens of this City.

The purpose of the study commission, as defined in state law, is "to study the existing form and powers of our City government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana. If some change is deemed necessary, the study commission may submit such proposed change to the electors."

In the conduct of their review, the study commission has sought advice and information from a number of people in the city. Opinions and recommendations were solicited from local government officials, community organizations, and citizens. All meetings of the study commission were open to the public. Public hearings were held to determine citizen opinion.

As a result of discussions held with the people and groups mentioned, the City of Sidney Study Commission has concluded that there is general consensus that the existing mayor-council form of government has served this City well since its organization in 1911, and will continue to do so in the future. We, therefore, recommend no change in this form of government; but we recommend, in order to make our elections legal in the future, that our elections become non-partisan.

Respectfully submitted,

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