

CERTIFICATE
ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED PLAN OF GOVERNMENT
for
THE TOWN OF LIMA

If adopted by the voters, the government of the town of Lima shall be organized under the following provisions of 47A-3-206, R.C.M. 1947, commission-chairman (mayor-council) form.

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- (3) (a) (i)
- (3) (b) (ii)
- (3) (c) (ii)
- (3) (d) (ii)
- (3) (e) (ii)
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47A-3-206. Commission-chairman form. (1) The commission-chairman form consists of an elected commission (which may also be referred to as the "council"), and a commission chairman (who may also be referred to as "mayor" or as "president") elected by the members of the commission from their own number.

(2) The commission chairman (who may also be referred to as "mayor") shall be elected by the members of the commission from their own number to serve at the pleasure of the commission. He shall: be the presiding officer of the commission, be recognized as the head of the local government unit, have the power to vote as other members of the commission, be the chief executive officer of the local government, and:

- (a) enforce laws, ordinances, and resolutions;
- (b) perform duties required of him by law, ordinance, or resolution;
- (c) administer the affairs of the local government;
- (d) direct, supervise, and administer all departments, agencies, and offices of the local government, except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance;
- (e) carry out policies established by the commission;
- (f) prepare the commission agenda;

- (g) recommend measures to the commission;
 - (h) report to the commission on the affairs and financial condition of the local government;
 - (i) execute bonds, notes, contracts, and written obligations of the commission, subject to the approval of the commission;
 - (j) report to the commission as the commission may require;
 - (k) attend commission meetings and may take part in discussions;
 - (l) execute the budget adopted by the commission;
 - (m) appoint with the consent of the commission all members of boards and committees; except the chairman may appoint without the consent of the commission temporary advisory committees established by the chairman;
 - (n) appoint with the consent of a majority of the commission all department heads. The chairman may remove department heads and may appoint and remove all other employees;
 - (o) prepare the budget and present it to the commission for adoption;
 - (p) exercise control and supervision over the administration of departments and boards.
- (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 commission shall be elected at large.
 - (b) Local government elections shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis as provided in this title.
 - (c) The commission chairman 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 chairman.
 - (d) Commission members shall be elected for overlapping terms of office.
 - (e) The size of the commission shall be five members, and community councils to advise commissioners may be authorized by ordinance.

(f) The term of office of elected officials shall be four years.

(4) The plan of government shall authorize general government powers.

We, the Study Commissioners of the town of Lima do hereby certify that this is the proposed Plan of Government as established by 47A-3-206, R.C.M. 1947.

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Lima, Montana, this 22nd day of May, 1976.

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ATTEST:

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