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## Melstone, Montana Government Study Commission Report

### SUMMARY

Area of Comparison	Present Form	Proposed Form	Summary
Form	Mayor-Council Form, Four Council members elected at large, Mayor elected in his own right.	No change	Election franchise is more fairly exercised.
Powers	General Government State Laws define what the town government may do and how to do it. Town council may exercise any power which the state does not deny. Legislative power vested in town council.	No change	Our present mayor-council government already allows action not prohibited by law.
Governing Body	Town council four members, elected at large.	No change	The town is small enough to have the members elected by all the voters, four members will give adequate representation.
Terms	Four years overlapping terms, two members elected every two years.	No change	Overlapping terms allow for continuity of government. There will always be members with experience on council.
Duties	Legislative body. Duties are split between policy making and daily administrative. Council is the legislative body. Mayor is responsible for the daily administration and supervision. Mayor is accountable to the council.	No change	The combination of policy making and administration working together makes for greater flexibility.
Mayor duties	Presiding officer of council. Political spokesman. Administrative officer of town. Mayor will be chairman of the council. He will act as administrator executive of the town and is accountable to the council.	No change	The mayor will be in charge of daily activities of town, and together they will be able to concentrate on policy making rather than minor details.
Mayor Term	Four year term. Elected at large by total electorate.	No change	Longer term makes mayor more informed of government issues concerning the populace.
Taxation restriction	Montana law allows for taxation of property in the town as prescribed by state law.	No change	This gives the people protection on taxation. If the people need more funds extra levies can be allowed.
Treasurer-Clerk	Appointed by the mayor with consent of council.	No change	Allows flexibility and accountability to Mayor and council. Melstone is not large enough to require an elected treasurer or clerk.
Election	Non-Partisan	No change	Non-Partisan best for small community. If the voters want to change they may do so by resolution.

**THEREFORE**, as projected above, we the undersigned Government Study Commission of the Town of Melstone, Montana hereby certify that this is the existing plan of government for the town of Melstone, as well as our proposed plan for the future government of the Town of Melstone. We, as a commission, propose absolutely no change in the present form of government for Melstone. It shall remain the same as the previously, and no election will be held. Under authority of Section 7-3-187. Annotated Codes of Montana.

Dated at Melstone, Montana, this 18 day of July, 1985.

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