

# Town of Lodge Grass

Lodge Grass, Montana

To the Citizens of The Town of Lodge Grass:

Local Government Study Commissions were authorized by the 1974 session of the Montana Legislature to implement the Local Government Article of the 1972 Constitution. The responsibility of the Study Commission is to "study the form and power of government and existing procedures for the delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the State of Montana."

After completing these two phases of the study, it is the responsibility of the Study Commission to submit an alternative form of government to the qualified electors. An alternative form of government is defined as one "which must differ in some manner from the existing form." We are submitting a modification of the existing mayor-council form of government as the alternative form.

The question on the alternative form of government will be placed on the ballot November 2, 1976. At that time qualified voters will have the choice of retaining the existing form of government or adopting the alternative form proposed in the report of the Study Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Local Government Study Commission  
Lodge Grass, MT

Members:

William Weigand  
Mabel B. Hartman  
June Lipp

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COMMISSION on LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

Study Commission

July 14, 1976

The Local Study Commission of the Town of Lodge Grass met in the Town Hall. Present were Mabel Hartman, June Lix, William Weigand, and George Lix, Town Clerk.

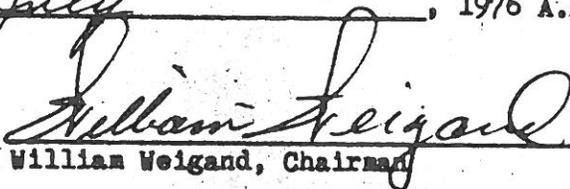
The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Weigand. After reviewing the present form of government and also discussing various alternate forms of local government the Study Commission has offered as an alternate form of government the following:

- A. Aldermen to be elected at large, that is, not necessarily from one designated ward.
- B. Mayor and Aldermen be elected on a non-partisan ballot.

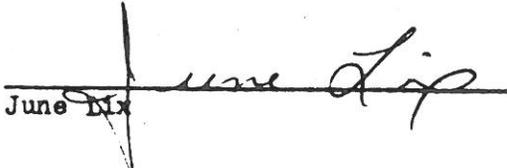
The Local Study Commission feels that this will give the qualified voters an alternate form of government to be voted on in the General Election to be held in the Town of Lodge Grass on November 2, 1976.

No further business. Mabel Hartman made motion to adjourn, seconded by June Lix. Meeting adjourned.

Passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1976 A.D.

  
William Weigand, Chairman

  
Mabel Hartman

  
June Lix

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## Summary of Recommendations

The Lodge Grass Local Government Study Commission having thoroughly studied our present form of government and the alternative forms of government available to cities and towns under state law, submit the following:

1. That the mayor-council (also known as commission-executive) form of government with the following modifications A & B be placed on the ballot as the alternative form of government.
  - a. with non-partisan elections
  - b. council members elected at large (this allows persons who run for councilmen to be elected by everyone).
2. The question on the form of government will be submitted to the voters of Lodge Grass in a special election to be held with the general election on November 2, 1976 in the following form:

### BALLOT ON ALTERNATIVE FORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Vote for One



For adoption of the mayor-council form of government as modified in the report of the Lodge Grass Local Government Study Commission.

For the existing mayor-council form of government.

## Findings of the Study Commission

It is the conclusion of the Study Commission that the Mayor-Council form can best meet the needs of this town. We have submitted two changes to comply with the requirements of the law that an alternative form must be placed on the ballot. The voters of this town can decide if this change is desirable.

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 1976 SPECIAL ELECTION

Instructions to voters: Place an "X" in the boxes which express your preferences. The full text of the proposed form of government and of the existing form of government are available at your polling place.

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SEAL

We, the Study Commissioners of Lodge Grass do hereby certify that this is the official ballot approved by the Study Commissioners of Lodge Grass Mt

In testimony whereof, we set our hands.

Done at Lodge Grass this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1976

ATTEST:

George Six  
Municipal Clerk of  
Lodge Grass Mt.

William Ferguson  
June J. Ship  
Mabel B. Hartman

Local Government Study Commissioners

CERTIFICATE

ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE  
SPECIAL ELECTION AT WHICH THE  
ALTERNATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT  
SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORS  
OF Lodge Grass Montana

The alternative form of government proposed by the Local Government Study Commission shall be submitted to the voters of Lodge Grass<sup>mt</sup> at a special election to be held with the general election on November 2, 1976.

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Attest:

George Lix  
Municipal Clerk of  
Lodge Grass, mt.

William Weigand  
Jane J. Lix  
Mabel B. Hartman

Local Government Study Commissioners