CITY OF DEER LODGE GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION FINAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Deer Lodge:

The City of Deer Lodge Study Commission elected by the voters on November 8, 1994, 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 to compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state." After completing these two phases of the study it is the responsibility of the study commission to submit a final report recommending no change, or propose an amendment to the existing form of government or offer an alternative form of government to the qualified 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 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 with the people, interviews with government officials, and a survey presented to the people, the City of Deer Lodge Study Commission has concluded that there is general consensus that the existing council-mayor form of government has served this city well and will continue to do so in the future. We therefore recommend no change in this form of government.

> Respectfully submitted, City of Deer Lodge Study Commission

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