

City of Sidney — Current Structure

FORM

MAYOR-
COUNCIL

POWERS

GENERAL
POWERS

The Mayor serves as the city's executive officer. The Council passes ordinances, sets policies, and approves budgets. Departments report to the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer.

Contact & Meeting Information

City of Sidney LGRB Administrator:
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Local Government Review Board:


Janet Sergent, Chair

Wade Whiteman

Jordan Mayer

Meetings are open to the public — join and share your voice.

 City Hall Council Chambers

 5:30pm

 October 9th, 2025
January 8th, 2026
April 9th, 2026
July 9th, 2026
October 8th, 2026

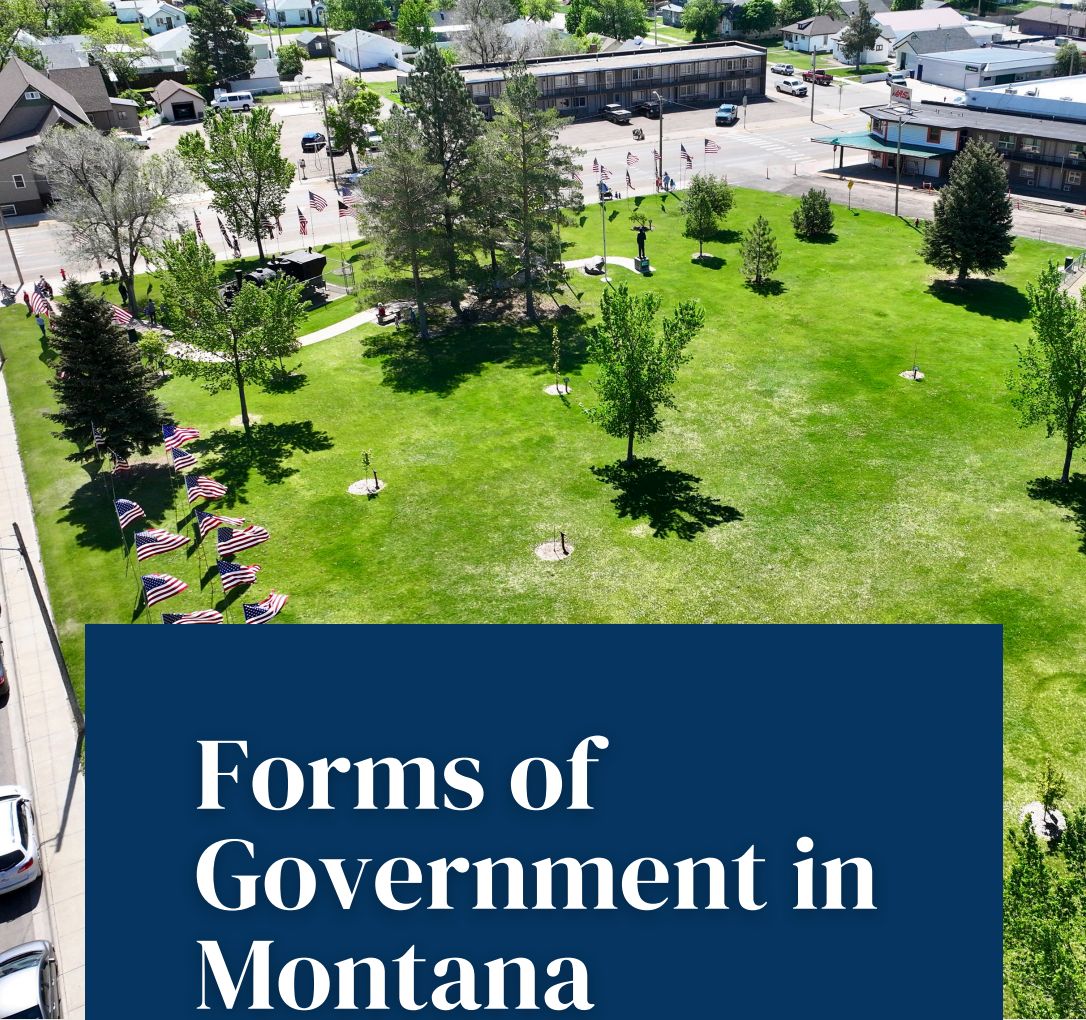


Governance 101

Understanding Your Local Government

Every ten years, Montana cities have the opportunity to review how their government operates. This brochure introduces the forms of government, self-governing powers, and what a charter is — helping Sidney residents make informed choices about their community's future.





Forms of Government in Montana

- Mayor-Council: Elected mayor and council. Mayor oversees daily operations.
- Council-Manager: Council hires a professional manager to run operations.
- Commission: Commissioners share both executive and legislative duties.
- Town Meeting: Used in small towns; citizens directly participate in decisions.



Self-Governing vs. General Powers

- General Powers: City acts only as allowed by state law.
- Self-Governing Powers: City can act in any area not prohibited by state law.

Self-government provides flexibility and local control, typically through an adopted charter.

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A charter functions like a local constitution, defining powers, structure, and responsibilities.

Examples: Bozeman, Whitefish, and Missoula operate under charters.

Key Elements:

- How leaders are chosen
- How policies are enacted
- Citizens' rights and participation

What Is a Charter?

