# Local Government Review Board (LGRB) Ballot Options Summary

This chart identifies all potential changes that the Sidney Local Government Review Board (LGRB) may consider for placement on the ballot under Title 7, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated. These options reflect possible revisions to the form, structure, and powers of local government, including charter and self-government provisions. The chart is intended as a neutral informational tool to assist the Board in evaluating, comparing, and prioritizing possible recommendations to the voters of Sidney.

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| **Change Type** | **Description** | **Requires Charter?** | **Requires Voter Approval?** | **MCA Reference** | **Status** | **Notes** |
| Change Form of Government | Switch between Mayor-Council and Manager-Council forms | No | Yes | 7-3-103 MCA |  |  |
| Adopt a Charter | Create a local government charter defining powers and structure | Yes | Yes | 7-3-701 MCA |  |  |
| Adopt Self-Government Powers | Move from general to self-governing powers | No | Yes | 7-3-702 MCA |  |  |
| Change Number of Council Members | Modify council composition or representation method | No | Yes | 7-3-113 MCA |  |  |
| Modify Election Method | Switch from partisan to nonpartisan elections | No | Yes | 13-14-115 MCA |  |  |
| Appoint Instead of Elect Officials | Convert elected offices like Clerk/Treasurer to appointed | Yes | Yes | 7-3-703 MCA |  |  |
| Adopt Citizen Bill of Rights | Add local transparency or ethics provisions in charter | Yes | Yes | 7-3-707 MCA |  |  |
| Maintain Current Form | Retain existing mayor-council general powers government | No | Yes | 7-3-103 MCA |  |  |

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