

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Study Commission

**FROM:** Dan Clark, Director of the Local Government Center, Montana State University Extension

**SUBJECT:** Learning Session on the Governing Body: Size, Terms, Duties/Roles/Function; Mayor System. Other elected offices?

**MEETING DATE:** January 15, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive information from the Local Government Center

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

**BACKGROUND:** **Speakers:**  
MSU Local Gov't Center - benefits and challenges to various issues identified above (size, terms, mayor/deputy mayor)  
**Required materials for reading:**

- Commissioner survey results
- Montana Charters reviewed by study commission
- Charter commentary in previous study commission report
- [City of Bozeman Charter, Article II - City Commission](#)
- [Sec. 2.03 - Mayor, City of Bozeman Charter](#)

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None identified

**ALTERNATIVES:** As per City Study Commission

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None

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