



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Item: 2024 Local Government Review and Study Commission Resolution

Date: February 28, 2024

Sponsor(s): Claire Trimble

Department or function: City Clerk

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Consider components of Local Government Review question that will appear on the ballot for voters to consider.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana, submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Missoula, an election on June 4, 2024, the question of conducting a local government review of the City of Missoula, and if approved, established a study commission consisting of 7 members and levying \$200,000 for study expenses.

Timeline:

Committee training:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Committee discussion:	February 28, 2024
Council action (or sets hearing):	March 4, 2024
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	March 11, 2024

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Per Section 9, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review. The ballot question language is provided per 7-3-175, MCA. Additionally, per 7-3-177, MCA, the number of positions, which must be an odd number of not less than three, unless the governing body by resolution declares that a larger number shall be elected.

Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

[] FOR the review of the government of the City of Missoula and the establishment and funding, not to exceed (\$200,000), of a local government study commission consisting of (7 members) members to examine the government of the City of Missoula and submit recommendations on the government.

[] AGAINST the review of the government of the City of Missoula and the establishment and funding, not to exceed (\$200,000), of a local government study commission consisting of (7 members) members to examine the government of the City of Missoula and submit recommendations on the government.

Financial Implications:

City Council allocates funding for commission resources such as office space staffing, surveys, etc.

Links to external websites:

N/A