

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

On April 11<sup>th</sup> there will be an important public hearing to discuss the proposed Municipal Charter. Copies of the Charter will be made available at this meeting. The general election for this Charter will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It is important for you to know what is in this revision of the Town Charter. A dessert potluck will be held following this meeting.

# Town of Butte Falls Municipal Charter

## PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Town of Butte Falls, Oregon, in order to inspire and shape community government among ourselves, consider and act for the common good, promote the principle of individual liberty with tolerance for others, and to avail ourselves of self determination in municipal affairs to the fullest extent possible, do ordain and establish this Charter for the Town of Butte Falls.

### Chapter I

#### NAMES AND BOUNDARIES

**Section 1. Title of Charter.** This charter may be referred to as the 2000 Town of Butte Falls Charter.

**Section 2. Name of Town.** The Town of Butte Falls, Oregon, continues under this Charter to be a municipal corporation with the name Town of Butte Falls.

**Section 3. Boundaries.** The Town of Butte Falls includes all territory within its boundaries as they now exist or hereafter are modified pursuant to state law. The custodian of the Town of Butte Falls's records shall keep an accurate, current description of the boundaries and make a copy of it available for public inspection in the Town of Butte Falls during regular Town office hours.

### Chapter II POWERS

**Section 4. Powers of the Town.** The Town of Butte Falls has all powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and of this state now or hereafter expressly or impliedly grant or allow the Town of Butte Falls, as fully as though this Charter specifically enumerated each of those powers.

**Section 5. Construction of Powers.** In this Charter no specification of a power is exclusive or restricts authority that the Town of Butte Falls would have if the power were not specified. The Charter shall be liberally construed so that the Town of Butte Falls may exercise fully all its powers possible under this Charter and under United States and Oregon law. All powers are continuing unless a specific grant of power clearly indicates the contrary.

**Section 6. Distribution of Powers.** Except as this Charter prescribes otherwise and as the Oregon Constitution reserves municipal legislative power to the voters of the Town of Butte Falls, all powers of the Town of Butte Falls are vested in the council.

### Chapter III FORM OF GOVERNMENT

**Section 7. Council.** The council consists of six councilors nominated and elected from the Town of Butte Falls at-large or, in case of one or more vacancies in the council, the council members whose offices are not vacant.

**Section 8. Councilors.** The term of office of a councilor in office when this Charter is adopted is the term of office for which the councilor has been elected before adoption of the Charter (or is elected at the time of the adoption.) At each general election after the adoption, three councilors shall be elected, each for a four-year term.

**Section 9. Mayor.** The term of office of the mayor in office when this Charter is adopted continues until the beginning of the first odd-numbered year after that time. At each subsequent general election, a mayor shall be elected for a two-year term.

**Section 10. Terms of Office.** The term of office of an elective officer who is elected at a general election begins at the first council meeting of the year immediately after the election and continues until the successor to the office assumes the office.

**Section 11. Appointive Offices.** A majority of the council may:

- (1) Create, abolish, and combine appointive Town of Butte Falls offices and,
- (2) Except as the majority prescribes otherwise, fill such offices by appointment and vacate them by removal.

### Chapter IV COUNCIL

**Section 12. Rules.** The council shall, by ordinance, prescribe rules to govern its meetings and proceedings.

**Section 13. Meetings.** The council shall meet in the Town of Butte Falls regularly, at least once a month, at a time and place designated by council's rules, and may meet at other times in accordance with the rules.

**Section 14. Quorum.** A majority of the council constitutes a quorum for its business but a smaller number of the council may meet and compel attendance of absent councilors as prescribed by council.

**Section 15. Record Of Proceedings.** A record of council proceedings shall be kept and authenticated in a manner prescribed by the council.

**Section 16. Mayor's Functions at Council Meetings.**

- (1) When present at council meetings the mayor shall:
  - (a) Preside over deliberations of the council,
  - (b) Preserve order,
  - (c) Determine the order of business under the rules.