

**Article 1-1**

**ORGANIZATION AND  
INCORPORATION**

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**1-101 Notice of Petition to Incorporate.**

To Whom It may Concern:--

©Notice is hereby given that on Monday, October 1, 1888, the undersigned will make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Sweetwater County, Wyoming Territory, for the incorporation as a town to be named Rock Springs of the following described territory: (All that portion of land included in the north half (N1/2) and southwest quarter (SW1/4) of section twenty-five, south half (S1/2) of section twenty-six, north half (N1/2) section thirty-five (35), containing an area of two square miles and situated in township nineteen (19) north, range one hundred five (105) west, in the County of Sweetwater and Territory of Wyoming.) The survey and map of said territory and the census of the resident population thereof, made and taken as required by law, may be examined at the post office at Rock Springs.

(Signed) NORMAN B. DRESSER.  
RALPH SWICKEY.  
Wm. HARCOTMBE.  
Rock Springs, Aug. 30,

1888.

**1-102 Organization of the Town of**

**Rock Springs.**

Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Sweetwater County, Wyoming

An application being made to the board by petition, asking that an order be issued declaring that the territory included in the boundary lines set forth in the survey and map presented with the petition shall be an incorporated Town, the board, after hearing all persons who came before them respecting such application, being fully satisfied that all the requirements in Chapter No. 12 of the Revised Statutes of Wyoming Territory, relating to the General Incorporations of Towns, had been complied with, on motion.

ORDERED, That the territory described on map presented with petition shall be an incorporated town, known as Rock Springs, and do appoint Messrs. H. F. Menough, Wm. H. O'Donnell and Thomas Sutton to act as inspectors of election, to hold the first election on the 13th day of November, A.D. 1888, for the purpose of electing town officers.

Dated October 6th, 1888.

W. H. MELLOR, Chairman.  
FRANK GUNNELL, Clerk.

**1-103 First Election.**

Proceeding upon the order of the Board of County Commissioners, the first election of the incorporated town of Rock Springs was held on November 13, 1888, and resulted in the election of the following officers:

Mayor, W. H. O'Donnell; Councilmen, H. H. Edgar, Edward Thorpe, Augustine Kendall, N. C. Peterson.

The Mayor and Councilmen so elected held their first meeting on November 19, 1888, and proceeded to appoint officers, adopt ordinances, and transact generally the business of the town.

**1-104 Resolution to Be a City of the First Class.**

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs, Wyoming, authorizing the Mayor to ascertain and

certify to the Governor, of the State of Wyoming, the population of the Town of Rock Springs for the purpose of having the Governor declare by public proclamation said Town of Rock Springs to be a city of the first class under the general laws of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCK SPRINGS: That the Mayor of the said Town be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to ascertain and certify to the Governor of the State of Wyoming, under and by virtue of his official certificate, attested by the seal of said Town, the population of the Town of Rock Springs, for the purpose of having His Excellency, Robert D. Carey, Governor of the State of Wyoming, if it be ascertained that the said town has attained a population of more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants, declare by public proclamation said Town of Rock Springs, to be a city of the first class, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 121, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated), as amended by subsequent acts of the Legislature of said State, with all the powers and obligations pertaining thereto.

Passed and approved this 16th day of June, A.D. 1919.

JOHN PARK,  
President of Town  
Council

Attest: Approved:  
S. M. WARD, E. S. LAUZER, M. D.  
Town Clerk. Mayor

The State of Wyoming, )  
County of Sweetwater, :ss.  
Town of Rock Springs, )

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs, in said County and State, on the 16th day of June, A.D., 1919, at a regular meeting of said Town Council, duly and regularly passed a Resolution authorizing and empowering the Mayor of said Town to ascertain and certify to the Governor of the State of Wyoming, the

population of the Town of Rock Springs; and

WHEREAS, the population of said Town has been ascertained and found to be more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. S. Lauzer, the duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor of the Town of Rock Springs, a municipal corporation, in said County and State, do hereby certify that, as such Mayor, I have ascertained the population of the Town of Rock Springs, and find that said Town has attained the population of more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants, and the said Town has in fact at this time a population of more than six thousand (6000); that the population of the Town of Rock Springs was ascertained by me from the Certificate of the Secretary of State, under his official seal, which is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"THE STATE OF WYOMING  
Office of the  
SECRETARY OF STATE

United States of America, )  
:ss.  
State of Wyoming )

I, W. E. Chaplin, Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming, do hereby certify the population of the Town of Rock Springs, is shown to have been FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE, by the official records of the State Census of 1915, on file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming.

Done at Cheyenne, the Capital, this SEVENTEENTH Day of JUNE, A.D., 1919.

W.E. CHAPLIN,  
Secretary of State,

(GREAT SEAL OF THE  
STATE OF WYOMING)

By H. M. SYMONS,  
Deputy."

That this certificate is made for the purpose of having His Excellency, Robert D. Carey, Governor of the State of Wyoming,

declare by public proclamation, said Town of Rock Springs, to be a city of the first class under and by virtue of Chapter 121, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated), as amended by subsequent acts of the Legislature of said State, with all powers and obligations pertaining thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Mayor of the Town of Rock Springs, Wyoming, the 16th day of June, A.D. 1919.

E. S. LAUZER, M.D.  
Mayor of the Town of  
Rock Springs, a  
municipal corporation

Attest:  
S. M. WARD  
Town Clerk

**1-105 Proclamation.**

STATE OF WYOMING  
Executive Department  
PROCLAMATION  
By the Governor

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs of the State of Wyoming, on the 21st day of July, 1919, at a regular meeting of the said Council, duly and legally passed a resolution authorizing and empowering the Mayor of the said town to ascertain and certify to the Governor of the State of Wyoming that the population of the said town of Rock Springs was found to be more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, E. S. Lauzer, duly elected and qualified Mayor of the Town of Rock Springs, has ascertained and certified to me that the Town of Rock Springs has more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT D. CAREY, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim and declare the Town of Rock Springs to be a City of the first class, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 121, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1910.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ROBERT D. CAREY, Governor of the State of

Wyoming, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Cheyenne, this twenty-sixth day of July A.D. 1919, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Forty-fourth.

ROBERT D. CAREY,  
Governor.

(SEAL) By the Governor:  
W.E. CHAPLIN,  
Secretary of State.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The State of Wyoming, )  
 ) : ss.  
County of Sweetwater )

F. B. Crumley, being duly sworn deposes and says that he is manager of the Daily Miner, a weekly newspaper published at Rock Springs in said county and state, that the annexed notice was published in three (3) consecutive issues of said newspaper and not in a supplement, the first publication thereof being on July 31, A.D. 1919 and the last publication thereof being on August 14, A.D. 1919.

F. B. CRUMLEY,

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, A.D. 1919.

W. A. MUIR, Notary Public.

(My commission expires Feb. 17, 1923.)

**1-106 Organization of the City of Rock Springs as a City of the First Class.**

Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs, Wyoming, organizing as a city of the first class under the general laws of the State of Wyoming.

Section 1. WHEREAS, the Town of Rock Springs, in the County of Sweetwater, State of Wyoming, a municipal corporation, was heretofore organized and is now

existing by virtue of the general incorporation laws of the State of Wyoming, Chapter 120, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated) as amended by subsequent acts of the Legislature of said state; and

WHEREAS, said Town of Rock Springs desires to become a city of the first class, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 121, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated) as amended by subsequent acts of the Legislature of said state, with all the powers and obligations pertaining hereto, which re-organization and change from a general incorporated town to a city of the first class is provided for by Chapter 121, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated) as amended by subsequent acts of Legislature of the said state; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs by resolution, passed and approved on the 21st day of July, A.D. 1919, authorized the Mayor of said Town of Rock Springs to ascertain and certify to the Governor of the State of Wyoming, under and by virtue of his official certificate, attested by the seal of said Town, the population of the Town of Rock Springs for the purpose of having His Excellency, Robert D. Carey, Governor of the State of Wyoming, if it be ascertained that the said town has attained the population of more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants, declare by public proclamation said Town of Rock Springs to be a city of the first class; and

WHEREAS, E. S. Lauzer, the duly elected, qualified and acting Mayor of the Town of Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, Wyoming, has certified to the Governor of the State of Wyoming that said Town of Rock Springs has a population of more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants; and that said Town has in fact at this time a population of more than six thousand (6000) inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, an official certificate has been received by said town, which certificate is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

"THE STATE OF WYOMING  
Office of the  
SECRETARY OF STATE

United States of America.     )  
   : ss.  
State of Wyoming,                 )

I, W. E. Chaplin, Secretary of the State of Wyoming, do hereby certify that the population of the Town of Rock Springs, is shown to have been Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine, by the official records of the State Census of 1915, on file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming.

Done at Cheyenne, the Capitol, this SEVENTEENTH day of JUNE, A.D. 1919.

W. E. CHAPLIN,  
Secretary of State  
(GREAT SEAL OF THE  
STATE OF WYOMING)  
By H. M. SYMONS, Deputy."

AND WHEREAS, it has been duly ascertained that said Town of Rock Springs has attained a population of more than four thousand (4000) inhabitants and is entitled to be organized and exist as a city of the first class in the State of Wyoming under and by the corporate name of "CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS," by virtue of the laws of the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency, Robert D. Carey, Governor of the State of Wyoming, has duly and regularly, by public proclamation, proclaimed the Town of Rock Springs to be a city of the first class, which proclamation has been published for the time and in the manner provided for by law; and the proof thereof, together with a certified copy of said proclamation filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of Deeds, in and for the County of Sweetwater, State of Wyoming, and which proclamation has been heretofore inserted in the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Rock Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the purpose of effect-ing the organization of the Town of Rock Springs to a city of the first class and changing the organization of the Town of Rock Springs from a general incorporated town to a city of the first class as is provided by law, and for the purpose of effecting the re-organization thereof as above and heretofore stated and recited:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL of the Town of Rock Springs in regular session, assembled, that the organization of the Town of Rock Springs, a municipal corporation, be and the same is hereby changed to the "CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS," a municipal corporation; and that the Town of Rock Springs be and the same is hereby organized as the "CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS" under and by virtue of Chapter 121, of the 1910 Compiled Statutes of Wyoming (Annotated) as amended by subsequent acts of Legislature of said state, with all the powers and obligations pertaining thereto.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Rock Springs be and hereafter exist as a city of the first class under the corporate name of "CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS," with all the powers and privileges and rights granted to such cities of the first class by the laws of the State of Wyoming;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no right of property accrued to the municipality, or to any person, shall be affected by such change in the organization of said municipal corporation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all ordinances of the Town of Rock Springs now in force and not repugnant to the provisions of Chapter 121, of the 1910 Wyoming Compiled Statutes (Annotated) as amended by subsequent acts of the Legislature of said state, shall remain and continue in full force until amended or repealed by the Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all trusts, rights, and privileges shall be transmitted to and vested in said City of Rock Springs, a municipal corporation, and all of the indebtedness, bonded or otherwise,

of the said Town of Rock Springs, shall be assumed by and become the indebtedness of said City of Rock Springs, without any further or other express act on its part;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corporate limits of said municipality, together with all the additions and dedications heretofore made and platted as is shown by the records thereof in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of deeds, in and for said County and State, be and the same shall remain as heretofore.

Passed and approved this 18th day of August, A.D. 1919.

JOHN PARK,  
President of Town Council.  
Attest: Approved:  
S. M. WARD, E.S. LAUZER, M.D.  
Town Clerk . Mayor.