

GREATER HARDIN ASSOCIATION WAS CREATED IN THE 1990'S AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION CONSISTING OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HARDIN AND BIG HORN COUNTY. MR. AND MRS. AL SARGENT WERE ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

UNDER MONTANA LAW GENERAL ASSOCIATIONS OR JOINT VENTURES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BUT ARE RECOGNIZED AS ENTITIES UNDER TITLE 35-CHAPTER 2. 35-2-114 OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED. THE MCA DEFINES AN "ENTITY" AS FOLLOWS:

(14) "ENTITY INCLUDES:

(c) A PROFIT AND NONPROFIT UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION"

ATTACHED IS AN INFORMAL OPINION FROM NATASHA J. MORTON, P.C., HARDIN'S FORMER CITY ATTORNEY CONFIRMING GREATER HARDIN ASSOCIATION'S STATUS AS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION AND DISCUSSING SOME OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES DURING HER TENURE AS A LOCAL OFFICIAL.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I served as the City Attorney for the City of Hardin, Montana, from 1982, until 2003. During that time, I became aware of a group of Big Horn County residents that banded together to pursue various projects. It is my understanding that they are now known as The Greater Hardin Association.

The original members of The Greater Hardin Association were all Big Horn County residents. The original members included Al and Melodie Sargent, who have remained actively involved in this association since its formation.

The Greater Hardin Association was known to me as an informal not-for-profit association of local residents who involved themselves with various projects throughout our area. They were instrumental in the renewal of the Re-enactments of Custer's Last Stand, which is an event used to boost the local economy and promote tourism and relations with our local, substantial Native American population. Some years back, The Greater Hardin Association asked the City of Hardin to apply to the Tournament of Roses Parade Committee for a position in the parade. The parade entry, promoted, prepared and paid for by The Greater Hardin Association, was to be a six-horse hitch of Belgian draft horses who would pull a wagon. Accompanying the wagon were Indian riders in traditional apparel, Calvary riders and woman in period dress. This was to promote the Re-enactment activities that occur in Big Horn County

I have been advised that The Greater Hardin Association's latest activity involves a request to the FCC for a broadcast station license. I have authorized the filing of this letter with the FCC.

Very truly yours,


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