

CHAPTER 1 – ARTICLE 5

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

- Section 5.1** *Statement of Policy.* It is the policy of the City of Auburn to cooperate with the City of Lewiston in planning and executing programs of joint action whenever such cooperation will reduce cost or improve service to the citizens of Lewiston and Auburn.
- Section 5.2** *Duties of the City Manager.* The City Manager shall meet three times a year with the Lewiston City Administrator to review existing cooperation and development proposals for new areas of cooperation between the two cities. In addition, the City Manager shall be responsible, in cooperation with the Lewiston City Administrator, to prepare and submit a five year joint capital expenditure plan for the two cities to the City Council by March 1st of each year. The joint capital expenditure plan shall include all public improvements and leases the City Manager and City Administrator deem significant enough in value to merit inclusion in the plan. Specific areas that would result in cost savings or greater efficiencies through cooperation will be highlighted.
- Section 5.3** *Joint Standing Committee.* There may be a Joint Standing Committee consisting of four City Councilors, two each from the Auburn City Council and the Lewiston City Council appointed by the respective Mayors. The committee may meet three times a year or more as determined by the Mayors or the City Manager or City Administrator.
- Section 5.4** *Joint City Council Meetings.* The Auburn and Lewiston City Council may meet in joint session three times a year to consider recommendations brought forward by the City Manager/Administrator and/or the Joint Standing Committee regarding cooperation between the cities and, in the first quarter of each year, to act upon the recommendations with respect to the joint capital expenditure plan. The Mayors of the two cities shall alternate as chair of these meetings.