

	<u>Present Commission Form</u>	<u>Mayor-Council Form</u> (Goes into effect July 1, 2007)
<u>Governing Body</u>	<p>3-member Board of Commissioners</p> <p>Elected for 4-year terms in at-large nonpartisan election in May</p> <p>Concurrent terms (election every 4 years)</p> <p>As a group, is the legislative body of the city, enacting ordinances and passing resolutions to establish the policies of the city.</p> <p>As individuals, each commissioner is the administrative head of a department appointing department personnel and supervising all of the work of the department.</p> <p>Prepares and adopts city budget.</p>	<p>5-member Council</p> <p>Elected for 4-year terms in at-large nonpartisan election in May</p> <p>Staggered terms (election every 2 years)</p> <p>As a group, is the legislative body of the city, enacting ordinances and passing resolutions to establish the policies of the city.</p> <p>Ordinances may be vetoed by the Mayor, but veto may be overridden by 2/3 vote of Council.</p> <p>Council is legislative <u>only</u>; Council members may "deal with employees of ...the administrative departments solely through the mayor or his designee".</p> <p>Selects one of own members to preside at meetings as President of the Council</p> <p>Council appoints city clerk.</p> <p>Council approves or rejects Mayor's nominations for department heads.</p> <p>May veto Mayor's removal of department head by 2/3 vote.</p> <p>May remove department heads <u>for cause</u>.</p> <p>Receives proposed budget from Mayor; May reduce items by majority vote or increase items only by 2/3 vote.</p> <p>Adopts final budget.</p>

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<u>Mayor</u>	<p>Selected by Commissioners from among their own members. Serves for 4 years after selection.</p> <p>Presides at meetings of Board of Commissioners</p> <p>Supervises own department.</p>	<p>Elected by voters for 4-year term of office.</p> <p><u>May</u> attend meetings of Council with right to speak, but not to vote. Not required to attend.</p> <p>Acts as chief executive – responsible for enforcing the charter and all general laws.</p> <p>Supervises all departments.</p> <p>Appoints department heads with advice and consent of Council.</p> <p>May remove department heads, subject to veto by 2/3 of Council.</p> <p>Approves or vetoes ordinances passed by Council, subject to override by 2/3 vote.</p> <p>Prepares budget for Council consideration.</p>
<u>Chief Admin. Officer</u>	<p>None required. Could have city administrator position created by ordinance with powers delegated by Commissioners.</p>	<p>Business Administrator who heads a Department of Administration,</p> <p>Assists in preparation of budget.</p> <p>Administers centralized purchasing system.</p> <p>Administers personnel system.</p> <p>Other duties as prescribed by Council.</p> <p>If authorized by Mayor, supervises all Departments.</p>
<u>Departments</u>	<p>All city functions in three departments specified by law.</p> <p>Principal officers (clerk, attorney, collector, etc.) appointed as specified by general laws.</p>	<p>Department of Administration, plus up to nine additional departments.</p> <p>Department heads appoint personnel in Department.</p> <p>Principal officers (clerk, attorney, collector, etc.) appointed as specified by general laws.</p>

Schedule:

March 15, 2007 – Filing deadline for candidates under new form of government.  
(54 days before election)

May 8, 2007 – First election of Mayor and 5 Council members under new form of government.  
(Second Tuesday in May)

July 1, 2007 – At noon all offices existing under the Commission Form are abolished (with specified exceptions), and newly elected officials under the Mayor-Council Form take office.

New Council members draw lots for three 2- or two 4-year terms of office.

Interim resolution may be adopted to provide for officers and organization and administration of city government, pending enactment of Administrative Code.

Sept. 28, 2007 – By this date Council must adopt and Mayor sign an ordinance providing for an  
(90 days after organization meeting) Administrative Code stating the major provisions of the charter and applicable provisions of general law and providing a complete guide describing the organization and operation of the city government.

Nov. 7, 2009 - Earliest date that a referendum could be held to revert to the Commission Form or to  
(3 years after vote to adopt plan) adopt some other optional form of government.