

PART I
CHARTER AND RELATED ACTS

Subpart A

CHARTER*

* **Editors Note:** The Charter of the city, Public Laws 1960, chapter 150, which was adopted by a referendum held in November 1960, is included herein as amended for the convenience of the users of this Code. The original format, article headings, section titles and section numbers have been retained. Amendments to the Charter have been inserted in their proper places, and are indicated by a history note following the amended section. The absence of such a history note indicates that the section is derived unamended from the original enactment. Explanatory words or phrases added by the editor are indicated by brackets. A uniform system of citations to state law has been used to conform to the system in the Code.

Article I. Powers of the City

- 1-1. Name.
- 1-2. Body politic.
- 1-3. Exercise of powers.
- 1-4. Inclusive nature of powers.

Article II. City Council

- 2-1. Structure and powers.
- 2-2. Qualifications of members.
- 2-3. Salary.
- 2-4. Vacancies.
- 2-5. Council president.
- 2-6. Rules and proceedings.
- 2-7. Time and place of meetings.
- 2-8. Public meetings.
- 2-9. Special meetings.
- 2-10. Notice of special meetings.
- 2-11. Purpose of special meetings.
- 2-12. Quorum.
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- 2-14. Power of inquiry.
- 2-15. Consultants.
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- 2-17. Powers of committees.
- 2-18. Ordinances.
- 2-19. Actions by ordinance.
- 2-20. Passage of ordinances.
- 2-21. Passage of amended ordinances.
- 2-22. Effective date of ordinance.
- 2-23. Exceptions as to publication.
- 2-24. Copies of ordinances and resolutions.
- 2-25. Publication.

Article III. Mayor

- 3-1. Election and term.
- 3-2. Chief executive and administrative officer.
- 3-3. Powers and duties.
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- 3-6. Salary.
- 3-7. Veto of ordinances.
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- 3-9. Item veto.
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- 4-2--4-10. Reserved.
- 4-11. Alteration of ward lines.
- 4-12. City elections.
- 4-13. Manner of holding elections.
- 4-14. Qualifications.
- 4-15. Term of office.
- 4-16. Primary elections.

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- 5-2. Submission of budget.
- 5-3. Public record.
- 5-4. Public hearing.
- 5-5. Budgetary powers of the council.
- 5-6. Adoption of budget.
- 5-7. Final date for adoption.
- 5-8. Certified copy of budget.
- 5-9. Minimum tax levy.
- 5-10. Budget message.
- 5-11. Capital projects.
- 5-12. Budget contents.
- 5-13. Classification of revenue.
- 5-14. Revenue schedules.
- 5-15. Classification of surplus.
- 5-16. Miscellaneous revenues.
- 5-17. Utility receipts and expenditures.
- 5-18. Restrictions: Miscellaneous revenues.
- 5-19. Special assessment revenue.
- 5-20. Anticipated new revenue.
- 5-21. Expenditure classification.
- 5-22. Expenditure schedules.
- 5-23. Emergency appropriations.
- 5-24. Expenditure limitations.
- 5-25. Lapse of appropriations.
- 5-26. Fees property of city.

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- 6-1. Department of finance.
- 6-2. Qualifications, director of finance.
- 6-3. Duties and responsibilities.
- 6-4. Annual work program.
- 6-5. Authorization of expenditures.
- 6-6. Transfers.
- 6-7. Powers.
- 6-8. Division of assessment.
- 6-9. Division of purchases.
- 6-10. Division of treasury.
- 6-11. Competitive bidding.
- 6-12. Purchases in excess of \$1,000.
- 6-13. Requisitions.
- 6-14. Execution of contracts.
- 6-15. Division of personnel.
- 6-16. Division of collections.

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- 8-6. Board of public safety.
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- 8-9. Water department.
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- 10-8. Rights and obligations of the city.
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- 10-10. Previous offices, departments and agencies.
- 10-11. Legislative powers.
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