

Tennessee Code Annotated Model Municipal Charter Provisions Comparison

Modified Manager-Council Charter

Manager-Commission Charter

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Charter

No. Board Members	At Least 7	3 or 7 for cities over 20,000 by ref.	Min. of 3, varies by population & wards
Appointment of Mayor	Council	Commission, or may by ref. elect mayor	Elected by Voters
Compensation	Council \$150 mo.-Mayor \$200 mo.	Varies by Population Category	Est. by Ordinance of the Board
Appointment of City Judge	Elected by voters	Commission	Board
Appointment of City Atty.	Council	Manager	Board
Appointment of CM/CA	Council	Commission	Board
Appt. of City Recorder/Clerk	Manager	Manager	Board
Appt. Of Police Chief	Manager	Manager	Mayor/City Admin/ Board
Appt. Of Fire Chief	Manager	Manager	Mayor/City Admin/ Board
Requirement for office	Resident 1 year	Qualified voter	Resident 1 year
Recall Provisions of board	Yes	No, Commission may Remove for	No
and Board of Education	Yes	Serious Vioations of Law	
Non-resident voting	No	Yes, for some pop. Categories	No
Supervises Staff	Manager	Manager	Functions Delegated by the Board
Hiring, firing, promotions	Manager, subject to personnel review	Manager	Functions Delegated by the Board
	board		
In Charge of Purchasing	Manager	Manager	Functions Delegated by the Board
Employee Grievance Hearing	Personnel Advisory Board	No Charter Procedures	No Charter Procedures
Prepares Budget	City Manager	City Manager	Functions Delegated by the Board
Ordinance Effective	Publish 1 week after passage	15 Days after Passage	After Publication
Board of Education	7 member elected	Manager Directs and Controls Unless	May establish schools; however,
		the commission by ordinance delegates	PC1101 Prohibits New City Schools
		direction and control to a board of	
		education	
Bd. of Education Recall	Yes	No	No
Approval of PC Rules and Regulations	Yes	No	No
Franchise	By Ordinance, Subject ot a Referendum	Ordinance	Ordinance
	Upon a 20% Voter Petition		
Note: The governing body may be referred to as council, commission, or board.			
The responsibilities under the Board of Mayor and Aldermen are not as well defined as in the other charter forms.			

Incorporation under the Modified Manager-Council form is limited to areas with over 5,000 population and cannot presently be incorporated.