

Proposed Changes to Charter

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1. **Change the system of government from Strong Mayor to Council Manager:** Would require Multiple sections may need changed in Mayor and Council Sections

[Council-Manager Form Brochure \(FINAL\) 10-2019.pdf \(icma.org\)](#)

The most popular forms of local government and the form of what are very successful cities and counties.

It provides some unity in the system of the elected governing body (council/mayor) with a properly hired professional city manager.

Advantages of council-manager form of government include:

- Political power is concentrated in the entire governing body.
- The mayor and council share legislative functions.
- Policy making resides with elected officials, while oversight of the day-to-day operations of the community resides with the manager.
- Provides a voice for neighborhoods.
- Diffuses the power of special interests.
- Provides for merit-based decision making.
- A consistently high standard of administrative management is usually achieved.

2. **Change the election (at large) of the Council President to being selected by a majority of the city council.** III. Section 3 President a)

Why? There are too many strong sources of power...mayor, president, and council. Provides essentially two sources instead...council/mayor. Easier to get things done. Council president selected by voters and may lead to conflict in the council between the council and its leader.