

## Electoral Process

Form of Election	Primary		General	
	Mayor	Council	Mayor	Council
Current hybrid	At large	Ward-only	At large	At large
At large	At large	At large	At large	At large
Ward-only	At large	Ward-only	At large	Ward-only
Mixed Council	At large	At large & Ward-only	At large	At large & Ward-only

## Related Issues

Timing of elections (Chapter XVI, Sec. 4):

Staggered terms for Council members (current system=Mayor and 3 council seats in one year; 3 council seats two years later; all with 4 year terms)

Mayoral election staggered from Council elections, all with 4 yr terms

Mayoral election rotated with Council elections: council with 4 yr terms, Mayor with 6 yr term

All members and Mayor elected at same time (timed with Presidential election or not)

Role of the Mayor (Chapters VI and IX):

Equal with the Council (current)

Veto power over council

Stronger Mayoral form of government

Number of council seats (Chapter XVI Sec. 8):

Increase number to have 1-3 At Large members plus 6 Ward-only members

Reduce number of wards and maintain current total members with mix of At large & Ward-only members

Term limits (Chapter XVI, Sec. 4):

Currently no term limits

Institute term limits

Partisan vs non-partisan elections: {where in charter?}

Currently partisan elections

Move to non-partisan elections

Residency requirements (Chapter XVI, Sec. 5):

Currently council members must reside in their ward at least 1 year prior to becoming a candidate\*

Institute requirement for council members to live in ward for duration of office held

Campaign financing (Chapter XVI, Subchapter A and Subchapter B):

Currently mayor and council members may accept maximum of \$500 per person for any campaign

Currently mayor and council candidates may accept maximum of \$1000 per campaign committee\*

Currently mayor and council candidates may voluntarily apply for public matching funds

Should limits be increased?

Should limits be different if elected at large or by ward-only?

Other related issues:

Weighted voting, proportional voting methods for counting votes

*\*indicates qualifications to the statement*