

**331.261 Charter — community commonwealth.**

1. The community commonwealth charter shall provide for the following:
  - a. The official name of the community commonwealth government.
  - b. An elective legislative body established in the manner provided for county boards of supervisors under sections 331.201 through 331.216 and section 331.248, subsection 2, the initial compensation for members of that body, and for a method of changing the compensation.
  - c. Appointment of a manager pursuant to sections 331.241 through 331.243.
  - d. Adjustment of existing bonded indebtedness and other obligations to the extent it relates to the delivery of services.
  - e. The transfer or other disposition of property and other rights, claims, assets, and franchises as they relate to the delivery of services.
  - f. The transfer, reorganization, abolition, adjustment, and absorption of existing boards, existing subordinate service districts, local improvement districts, and agencies of the participating county and cities.
  - g. A system of delivery of services to the entire community commonwealth pursuant to section 331.263.
  - h. A formula for the transfer of taxing authority from member cities to the community commonwealth governing body to fund the delivery of regional services.
  - i. The transfer into the community commonwealth of areawide services which had been provided by other boards, commissions, and local governments, except that formation of a community commonwealth shall not affect the assignment of electric utility service territories pursuant to chapter 476, and shall not affect the rights of a city to grant a franchise under chapter 364.
  - j. A process by which the governing body of the community commonwealth and the governing bodies of the member cities provide by mutual agreement for the delivery of specified services to the community commonwealth.
  - k. The partisan election of community commonwealth government officials.
2. The community commonwealth charter may include other provisions which the commission elects to include and which are not irreconcilable with state law, including, but not limited to, those provisions in section 331.248, subsection 4.

91 Acts, ch 256, §33; 2004 Acts, ch 1066, §26, 27, 31; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180

Referred to in §28E.40, 331.231, 372.1