

**372.1 Forms of cities.**

1. The forms of city government are:
  - a. Mayor-council, or mayor-council with appointed manager.
  - b. Commission.
  - c. Council-manager-at-large.
  - d. Council-manager-ward.
  - e. Home rule charter.
  - f. Special charter.
  - g. City-county consolidated form as provided in [sections 331.247 through 331.252](#).
  - h. Community commonwealth as provided in [sections 331.260 through 331.263](#).
2. A city when first incorporated has the mayor-council form. A city retains its form of government until it adopts a different form as provided in [this subchapter](#).
3. A city shall adopt by ordinance a charter embodying its existing form of government, which must be one of the forms provided in [this subchapter](#), and shall file a copy of its charter with the secretary of state, and maintain copies available for public inspection.

[C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §363.1, 363.30; C75, 77, 79, 81, §372.1]

[2004 Acts, ch 1066, §29, 31; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180; 2017 Acts, ch 54, §76; 2019 Acts, ch 59, §113](#)

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