

**372.12 Special charter form limitation.**

1. A city may not adopt the special charter form but a city governed by a special charter on July 1, 1975, is considered to have the special charter form although it may utilize elements of the mayor-council form in conjunction with the provisions of its special charter. In adopting and filing its charter as required in [section 372.1](#), a special charter city shall include the provisions of its charter and any provisions of the mayor-council form which are followed by the city on July 1, 1975.

2. A special charter city may utilize the provisions of [chapter 420](#) in lieu of conflicting sections, until the city changes to one of the other forms of government as provided in [this chapter](#).

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §372.12]

[97 Acts, ch 23, §40](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1062, §94](#)