

**373.5 Consolidation charter.**

A proposed charter written by a charter commission shall specify the consolidated metropolitan form of government. The proposed consolidation charter shall do all of the following:

1. Provide the official name of the consolidated unit of local government and establish its geographic boundaries.
2. Establish an elective legislative body pursuant to [section 373.9](#), including provisions on terms of office, initial compensation, meetings, and rules of procedure.
3. Provide for the at-large election of an officer to preside over the metropolitan council and perform other duties as specified, and provide for the election of other necessary officers.
4. Provide for the nonpartisan election of officers of the consolidated metropolitan corporation government.
5. Specify the powers and duties of the metropolitan council, its administrative officers, and elected officials.
6. Provide for delivery of certain services to the member cities, pursuant to [section 373.11](#), and may provide for the abolition or consolidation of a department, agency, board, or commission and the assumptions of its powers and duties by the metropolitan council or another officer.
7. Provide for a system of revenue collection pursuant to [section 373.10](#).
8. Provide for the orderly transition to the charter form of metropolitan consolidation.
9. Include other provisions which the consolidation charter commission elects to include and which are not inconsistent with state law.
10. Specify a charter amendment process pursuant to [section 372.11](#).
11. Provide for the appointment of a manager by the metropolitan council pursuant to [section 372.8](#).

[91 Acts, ch 256, §44](#)