

**12-10a02. Governing body, election; election of president of council; action by council.** The governing body shall consist of a mayor and three (3) members of the council elected at large and four (4) members of the council elected by districts. Qualifications, oaths and bonds of the mayor and members of the council shall be as provided in the general laws establishing and relating to the commission-manager form in cities of the first class. After every city general election, the council shall elect one of its members as president of the council who, in the absence or disability of, and at the request of the mayor, shall become acting mayor. The president of the council shall, while acting as mayor, have only those powers immediate and necessary to carry out the duties of the office of mayor, including all administrative, ceremonial and contractual powers, but shall not have the power to veto any measure passed by the council.

Any action taken by the city council shall be by a majority vote of the members of the council serving on the council unless a greater number of votes are specifically required by another provision of law. The mayor may submit proposals for the consideration of the council, but may not vote on any matter before the council.

**History:** L. 1976, ch. 65, § 2; April 16.