

ARTICLE 1. [COUNCIL MEETINGS](#)[CITY COUNCIL](#)

Sec. 1.01.001. Regular [Council](#) meetings.

The Council shall hold at least two regular meetings every month of the year. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, resolution or Council rules of procedure, such meetings shall be held on the first and third Monday of each month. If the regular meeting day shall fall on a legal holiday, the meeting shall take place on the next secular day. Adjourned meetings may be held at such times as the Council may determine.

Sec. 1.01.002. Time of Council meetings.

All meetings of the Council, regular and special, shall convene at 6:00 p.m. on the day appointed for such meeting, provided however, that the Council may by ordinance, resolution or Council rules of procedure, designate a different time for holding such meeting.

Sec. 1.01.003. Place of [Council](#) meetings.

All regular and special meetings of the Council shall be held in the City Council Chambers, on the lower level of the Independence City Hall, which is located at 111 East Maple Street, Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, or such other place within the City as the Council may from time to time designate by ordinance, resolution or Council rules of procedure.

Sec. 1.01.004. Special [Council](#) meetings.

- A. *How Called—Quorum.* Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Mayor or any other four Councilmembers. All special meetings must have a quorum as provided by the City Charter.
- B. *Notice Required.*
 - 1. Written notice of any special meeting called in the manner prescribed by Section 1.01.004, stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and signed by the Mayor or other Councilmembers calling the same, shall be filed with the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the time set for such meeting.
 - 2. Upon receipt of such call and notice of special meeting, the City Clerk shall, with the least practicable delay, cause notice of such meeting, including the time, place and subject matter thereof, to be communicated to all Councilmembers by telephone, U.S. Postal Service or by personal service of a copy thereof.

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- C. *Matters Which May Be Considered.* No business shall be transacted by the Council at a special meeting except the business set forth in the written call and notice filed with the City Clerk.

Sec. 1.01.005. Chief of Police to be sergeant-at-arms.

The Chief of Police shall be ex officio sergeant-at-arms of the Council and shall attend its meetings, preserve order in and near the Council Chamber, and execute the Council's orders. The Chief of Police shall designate a police officer to act as sergeant-at-arms in the absence of the Chief of Police.

Sec. 1.01.006. Powers of Council.

A. Except as otherwise provided in the City Charter, all powers of the City shall be vested in the Council. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council shall have the power, subject to the State Constitution, applicable law, and the City Charter:

1. To appoint and remove the city manager;
2. To enact municipal legislation relating to any or all subjects and matters within the powers of the City;
3. To adopt the budget, provide revenues, and make appropriations; regulate salaries, wages, and other compensation of officers and employees; and regulate all other fiscal affairs of the City;
4. To sell and convey any and all property belonging to the City both personal and real, after ample opportunity for competitive bidding, under such regulations and with such exceptions as the council may provide;
5. To adopt in its entirety or in parts a master plan for the physical development of the City and its environs and to make changes therein;
6. To adopt an official map of the City, and to make changes therein;
7. To inquire into the conduct of any office, department, or agency of the city government, and investigate municipal affairs; and to authorize council committees and other City authorities to make such inquiries and investigations;
8. To subpoena witnesses to testify and to compel the production of documents and other effects as evidence, and to authorize Council committees and other City authorities to exercise such power;
9. To appoint or elect and, with or without cause, remove the members of the Personnel Board, of the City Planning Commission, of the Board of Adjustment, of the Public Utilities Advisory Board, and of the Board of Ethics, and other quasi-legislative, quasi-judicial, or advisory officers and authorities, now or when and if established; and to provide the method of appointing or electing and removing them; and
10. To create, change, and abolish all offices, departments, and agencies of the City government other than the offices, departments, and agencies created by the City Charter; and to assign additional powers, duties, and functions consistent with the City

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Charter to offices, departments, and agencies created by the City Charter.

Sec. 1.01.007. Council Rules of Procedure.

- A. The Council may determine its own rules.
- B. Four (4) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day or time to time, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as the Council may provide.
- C. On the demand of any member, the vote on any question shall be by roll call, and the ayes and the noes shall be entered into the journal. An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the council shall be necessary to pass an ordinance; but a resolution, motion, or any other proposition may be adopted by a majority of the councilmembers voting on the proposition, except when otherwise provided in the City Charter.
- D. Vacancies on the Council or abstention by any councilmember shall not be counted affirmatively or negatively, with the majority, or against the majority.
- E. The mayor, mayor pro tempore, and other councilmembers shall have only one (1) vote in the Council.

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