

**CoR CCEC Pro/Con of Charter City Options
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	Characteristic		Charter City May	PRO	CON	GL City May Also
1	ELECTIONS					
1.A	Elections Generally	(i)	Establish own election dates			No
		(ii)	Establish own rules			No
		(iii)	Establish own procedures			No
1.B	Methods of Elections	(i)	Hold at-large			Yes
		(ii)	Hold By-district			Yes
		(iii)	Hold From district			Yes
		(iv)	Elect by plurality			Yes
		(v)	Elect by 50% plus one			No
1.C	City Council, City Treasurer and City Clerk Qualifications	(i)	establish own criteria for city office			No
1.D	Public Funds for Candidate in Municipal Elections	(i)	Provide public financing of election campaigns			No
1.E	Term Limits	(i)	Provide for term limits			Yes
1.F	Vacancies and Termination of Office	(i)	Establish criteria for vacating and terminating city offices			No
2	CITY COUNCIL STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES					
2.A	Form of Government	(i)	“strong mayor,”			No
		(ii)	“city manager”			Yes
		(iii)	Other (e.g., administrator)			Maybe
		(iv)	Elected city attorney			No
		(v)	Council-appointed city attorney			Yes
		(vi)	Elected City Treasurer			Yes

		(vii)	Appointed City Treasurer			Yes
		(viii)	Bifurcated City Treasurer			Yes
		(vix)	Elected City Clerk			Yes
		(x)	Appointed City Clerk			Yes
		(xi)	Bifurcated City Clerk			Yes
2.B	Council Member Compensation and Expense Reimbursement	(i)	Establish council members' salaries.			No
2.C	Legislative Authority	(i)	Establish procedures for enacting local ordinances.			No
2.D	Resolutions	(i)	Establish procedures for adopting, amending or repealing resolutions.			Yes
2.E	Quorum and Voting Requirements	(i)	Establish own procedures and quorum requirements.			Maybe
2.F	Rules Governing Procedure and Decorum	(i)	Provide provisions related to ethics, conflicts, campaign financing and incompatibility of office.			Maybe
3	CITY PERSONNEL					
3.A	Personnel Matters	(i)	Establish standards, requirements, and procedures, including compensation, terms and conditions of employment for personnel.			Yes
4	PUBLIC WORKS AND CONTRACTS					
4.A	Contracting Services	(i)	Enter into contracts			Yes
4.B	Public Contracts	(i)	Not comply with bidding statutes			No
4.C	Payment of Prevailing Wages	(i)	not be bound by state law prevailing-wage requirements on projects that are "municipal affair"			No
5	FINANCE AND TAXATION					
5.A	Taxing Power	(i)	May impose real property			No

			transfer tax			
5.B	Gift of Public Funds	(i)	Make a gift of public funds			No
5.C	Penalties & Cost Recovery	(i)	Enact ordinances providing for various penalties			Yes
6.	PUBLIC UTILITIES/FRANCHISES					
6.A	Public Utilities/Franchises	(i)	establish, purchase, and operate public works to furnish its inhabitants with electric power.			Yes
		(ii)	establish conditions and regulations on the granting of franchises to use city streets to persons or corporations seeking to furnish light, water, power, heat, transportation or communication services in the city			Yes
7	PLANNING AND LAND USE					
7.A	Zoning	(i)	Not be required to have Zoning ordinances consistent with general plan			No