

Differences in County and City Elected Offices

CLARIFYING THE ROLES BETWEEN COUNTY AND CITY GOVERNMENTS

County Government

County Government is established by the State Constitution and acts as the administrative subdivision of the State. Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) outlines the structures and rules followed by County Government.

County Government has less flexibility and is more static than City Government.

Mayor

Administers and supervises public health, safety, jails, recordkeeping, courts, and departments that support those services. A County Mayor is elected every four years and has no term limits.

Constitutional Offices

Other than the County Mayor, there are eight elected offices which include Assessor of Property, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Highway Supervisor, Register of Deeds, Trustee, and Sheriff.

Legislative Body

Twenty one County Commission members represent Districts throughout the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Montgomery County.

City Government

City Government is a municipality which provides enhanced services to residents.

City Government follows a local Charter approved by the state legislature. Local ordinances can be passed for greater flexibility in government operations.

Municipalities may incorporate by expanding their boundaries through annexation and can expand or contract services.

Mayor

The chief executive officer of the City. Directs the administrative structure, appointing and removing department heads. Elected every four years and may serve no more than three terms.

Legislative Body

Twelve City Council members representing Wards within the incorporated area.

City Charter

Outlines the structures and rules followed by City Government.



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