

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
CITY COUNCIL POLICY**



<b>Title:</b>	General Law City
<b>Policy No.</b>	1
<b>Approved:</b>	TBD
<b>Revised:</b>	N/A

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this City Council policy is to reaffirm adherence to and acknowledgment of the City of Temecula as a general law city and include said policy in the City Council Protocol Manual.

**POLICY:**

The policy of the City Council with respect to the subject matter listed in the above-referenced title is as follows:

**Adherence to and Acknowledgment of the City of Temecula as a General Law City**

Local government agencies are established through the California Government Code and Article XI of the California Constitution. Local government agencies include counties, cities, special districts, and other regional bodies. The City of Temecula is a local government agency pursuant to these laws and incorporated as such on December 1, 1989. Cities provide essential and general services and programs for their residents such as health and safety and parks and recreation.

Article XI, § 3 of the Constitution of California specifically provides for the creation of city government. As of the date of adoption of this policy, there are 482 incorporated cities in the State of California. Government Code §34100 et seq. sets forth the two types of cities - general law and charter. General law cities, the most common form, are governed by the California Government Code and other statutes. Charter cities, consisting of approximately one-quarter of the cities in California, are governed by their adopted charter. Matters deemed to be of "statewide concern" by the State of California, may be governed by statute irrespective of general law or charter designation.

The City of Temecula is a general law city existing and operating pursuant to the laws set forth in the California Constitution, California Government Code, and other relevant statutes.