

CITY OF TEMECULA

CITY COUNCIL POLICY



Title:	Council-Manager Form of Government
Policy No.	2
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this City Council policy is to reaffirm that the City of Temecula operates as a council-manager form of government 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:

Operation as a Council-Manager Form of Government

The council-manager form of government is the most common type of governance structure amongst cities in the United States. Under this form of government, residents elect a governing body (city council) to adopt legislation and set policy. The governing body then hires a manager or administrator with broad executive authority to carry out those policies and oversee the local government's day-to-day operations. This structure is similar to that of a corporation in the private sector whereby a board of directors sets forth policy and a chief executive officer implements such policy.

The council-manager form of government recognizes the critical role of elected officials as policy makers, who focus on mapping out a collective vision for the community and establishing the policies that govern it. The form also recognizes the need for a highly-qualified individual who is devoted exclusively to the delivery of services to residents. Under the council-manager form, there is a clear distinction between the administrative role of the manager and the political and policy roles of the governing body. The operations of the local government organization reside with the appointed manager, allowing elected officials to devote their time and energy to policy development and the assessment of the effectiveness of those policies within the community.

Government Code Section §34851 et seq. sets forth the process by which a council-manager form of government may be established in California. Temecula Municipal Code § 2.12 et. seq., adopted pursuant to the aforementioned code section, sets forth the specific duties, powers, and responsibilities of a city manager in relation to their service to the City of Temecula.

The municipal structure of the City of Temecula is a council-manager form of government operating pursuant to the laws set forth in the California Government Code and Temecula Municipal Code.