

Issue: City Attorney

City	Is the City Attorney Appointed or Elected?	If Appointed, by Whom?
<u>Oklahoma City, OK</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The Council shall select a ... Municipal Counselor...."
<u>San Jose, CA</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The...City Attorney...shall be appointed and may at any time be removed by the Council."
<u>Arlington, TX</u>	Appointed.	Council. "There shall be appointed by a majority of the City Council, on the nomination of the Mayor or any member of the City Council,...a City Attorney,...(who) may be removed by a like majority vote of the said City Council at the pleasure of the City Council."
<u>Austin, TX</u>	Appointed.	City Manager. "There shall be a department of law, the head of which shall be the city attorney, who shall be appointed by the city manager."
<u>Charlotte, NC</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The Council shall appoint the...City Attorney,...(who) shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council."
<u>Cincinnati, OH</u>	Appointed.	City Manager. "The city manager shall appoint a city solicitor,... (who) shall serve the council, officers and boards of the city as legal counsel and attorney, and shall represent the city in all proceedings in court."
<u>Colorado Springs, CO</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The Council shall appoint by the concurring vote of a majority of its members a City Attorney...."
<u>Dallas, TX</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city attorney shall be appointed by a majority vote of all the members of the city council and shall serve for a period of two years from the date of appointment and thereafter until a successor is appointed...."
<u>Des Moines, IA</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city attorney, deputy city attorneys and assistant city attorneys shall be appointed by the city council."
<u>El Paso, TX</u>	Appointed.	Mayor with Council Approval. "Whenever a vacancy in the position of City Attorney or any Assistant City Attorney occurs, the Mayor shall appoint a successor with a majority vote of the entire Council. Candidates for this position may be nominated by any member of the Council."
<u>Ft. Worth, TX</u>	Appointed.	City Manager with Council Approval. "There shall be a department of law, the director of which shall be the city attorney, whose appointment shall be recommended by the city manager and approved by the council...."
<u>Kansas City, MO</u>	Appointed.	City Manager. "The City Manager shall be responsible to the Mayor and Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City placed under the City Manager's authority, and to that end shall appoint, and may remove, all directors of departments (including the Department of Law) except as otherwise provided in this Charter." "The City Manager shall also appoint all other officers except as otherwise provided in this Charter."
<u>Las Vegas, NV</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The City Council shall appoint a City Attorney...."
<u>Lawton, OK</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city council shall appoint, by at least five affirmative votes, a city attorney who will serve at the pleasure of the council for an indefinite term."
<u>Little Rock, AR</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The head of the (Legal) department shall be the city attorney, who shall be appointed by the board of directors and shall serve at the will of the board."
<u>Norman, OK</u>	Appointed.	City Manager with Council Approval. "The City Attorney shall be appointed by the City Manager; such appointment shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the City Council. The City Attorney may be removed by the City Manager."
<u>Plano, TX</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city council shall appoint a competent and duly licensed attorney practicing law in the State of Texas, who shall be the city attorney."
<u>Sacramento, CA</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city council shall appoint a city attorney and shall prescribe the qualifications, duties and compensation of such officer."
<u>Tucson, AZ</u>	Appointed.	Council. "The city attorney....shall be appointed by the mayor and council."
<u>Wichita, KS</u>	Appointed.	City Manager. "The city manager shall appoint and remove all heads of departments and all the subordinate officers and employees of the city."
Summary	Appointed: 20 Elected: 0	Council (or Mayor with Council Approval): 14 City Manager (or Manager with Council Approval): 6