



KEY POINTS

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On August 1, the Johnson County Elections office received **two separate petitions related to the City's form of government**; the Mayor-Council Abandon and the Mayor-Council-Manager Adopt.

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The City currently has a mayor-council form of government. This is the **oldest and most common form of government in the state** - and the structure Prairie Village has operated under since receiving its charter in 1951. Currently, 554 of the 625 cities in Kansas operate under a mayor-council form of government.

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In Prairie Village, there is a city administrator. The city administrator **oversees the day-to-day functioning and supervision of all employees and departments**, from parks and recreation to public works.

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The Mayor-Council-Manager Adopt petition seeks to reduce the number of representatives per ward from two to one, effective immediately. This would mean that **any council member elected in 2021 would be automatically removed from Council**, and **only members elected in the upcoming 2023 election would be allowed to serve as Council Members**.

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The City will need to review the language detailed in the Mayor-Council-Manager Adopt petition to understand if **potentially conflicting code updates would be required** to adopt a new form of government.

WHAT DOES STATE LAW ALLOW?

Generally, state law allows for petitions aimed at abandoning or adopting a form of government. However, just like petitions of any other type, these petitions must meet the structural requirements outlined by the state (form of petition, validity of signatures, etc).



WHAT'S NEXT?

The City is working with its legal counsel, as well as the legal and election professionals at the County, to determine if **these petitions meet the criteria necessary** to be placed on the ballot in November.

The City will continue to **update the public** on the results of the petition review. Make sure to **sign up for e-news alerts** on the City website – more information below.

HOW DOES CITY COUNCIL FUNCTION?

The Prairie Village city council is currently made up of 12 members with two representatives from each of the city's six wards. They are elected to **four-year terms with elections staggered every two years**.

The mayor presides at all meetings of the council and has **general supervisory responsibilities** over the employees and business of the City.



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