Town of Merrimack Charter Commission - All Forms Matrix

	Mayor - Alderman	City Council - City Manager	Reference
Governing Body	Mayor & Alderman	City Council	49-C:8
Legislative Body	Mayor & Alderman	City Council	49-C:8
Chief Administrative Office	Mayor	City Manager	49-C:16
Representation	Equal Wards - Defined by Charter Number of Alderman chosen as specified by law,Ord. or charter	Equal Wards - Defined by Charter Number of Councilors chosen as specified by law,Ord. or charter	49-C:3
Terms of Office	Set by Charter (Typ. Mayor 2 yr - Alderman Coterm. 1,2,3 yr)	Set by Charter (Typ. Weak Mayor -Councilman Coterm. 1,2,3 yr)	49-C:8
Principal Officer	Mayor	City Manager	49-C:16
Period of Domicile	1 Year (set by charter)	1 Year (set by charter)	49-C:9
Residency	1 Year (set by charter) Alderman in Ward - Mayor at Large	1 Year (set by charter)	49-C:9
Vacancies	Charter provides procedure until next election	Charter provides procedure until next election	49-C:10
Compensation	Designated by charter or ordinance (Mayor FT Salary - Alderman PT)	Councilors receive compensation (Specified by Charter or Ordinance)	49-C:11
Removal From Office	All can be removed under charter specifications All can be removed on specific charges after due notice and hearing for prolonged absense, crimes or misconduct	All can be removed under charter specifications Elected Councilors can be removed on specific charges after due notice and hearing for prolonged absense, crimes or misconduct	49-C:13
General Powers	Can Introduce bills & initiate measures. Head of Administrative Branch Mayor supervises administrative affairs. Ensures Ordinaces,Charter and General Laws applicable to the city. Mayor cannot be counted to make a quorum. Mayor cannot vote as a member except in the case of Equal Division.	Can Inroduce bills & initiate measures. Head of Administrative Branch City Manager supervises administrative affairs. Ensures Ordinaces,Charter and General Laws applicable to the city. Keeps Elected Body Informed. City Manager cannot vote.	49-C:15 49-C:16
Appointive Powers	The Mayor has power to Appoint or remove Administration Service Officers of city (not Alderman). Charter Provides Appointment of: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Health Officer by way of Mayor.	The City Manager has power to Appoint or remove Administration Service Officers and employees of city. Charter Provides Appointment of: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Health Officer by way of City Manager. Charter provides for the removal of City manager (Non Interference)	49-C:18 49-C:20
Non Interference by Elect Body	Individual of elected body cannot influence CAO; No interference of officers; Interference is cause for removal of office.	Individual of elected body cannot influence CAO; No interference of officers; Interference is cause for removal of office.	49-C:19
Appointive Officers	Mayor has power subject to provision by the charter	City Manager has power subject to provision by the charter	47:14, 49-C:20, 49-C:18
Organization	Mayor has power subject to provision by the charter	City Manager has power subject to provision by the charter	49-C:21
Administrative Code	Mayor must develop and present to alderman within 9 months of election	City Manager must develop and present ot council within 9 months of appointment.	49-C:21
Merit Plan	Crafted in 9 Months	Crafted in 9 Months	49-C:21
Fiscal Year	Determined by Charter (Jan - July or July to June)	Determined by Charter (Jan - July or July to June)	49-C:22
Budget Process	Determined by Charter Mayor prepares budget - Alderman Pass Budget	Determined by Charter CM prepares budget - Councilman Pass Budget	49-C:23
Budget Submission Dates	Determined by Charter	Determined by Charter	49-C:23
Budget Hearings	Determined by Charter	Determined by Charter	49-C:23
Transfer of funds	Determined by Charter	Determined by Charter	49-C:23
Audit	Required by statutes as established by charter	Required by statutes as established by charter	49-C:23, 47:8
Supplemental Appropriations	Approved by Alderman - 2/3 vote required	Approved by Councilman - 2/3 vote required	49-C:23,6
Fiscal Controls	As established by charter	As established by charter	49-C:23, 47:6
Borrowing	As established by charter	As established by charter	49-C:24, 31:11
Referendum Procedures	Charters include the provision for procedure for voters to petition to suspend or implement an ordinance, Except	Charters include the provision for procedure for voters to petition to suspend or implement an ordinance, Except	49-C:33a

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