



City of Montpelier

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City Council Handbook



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As the capital of Vermont, Montpelier is the site of the Vermont State House, seat of the legislative branch of Vermont government. As of the 2010 Census, the City's population is 7,855. By population, it is the smallest state capital in the United States.

The City provides municipal services for its residents and businesses. These include local law enforcement, firefighting, planning and zoning regulation, a senior activity center and provision for potable drinking water and wastewater.

Montpelier's government follows the City Council/Manager plan. The City Council consists of a Mayor and six members, each elected from districts with each district electing two members for two-year terms. The Mayor is elected in a citywide vote to a two-year term.

All powers of the City shall be vested in its Council which shall enact ordinances, codes, and regulations; adopt budgets; determine policies; and appoint the City Manager, who is the chief administrative officer of the city. The Manager shall enforce the laws and ordinances and administer the government of the City.

Serving on Montpelier's City Council is an important and meaningful way to contribute to your community ... but, it requires that a lot of time, effort and energy be devoted toward developing information, recommendations and plans for consideration by the community. Without you doing this work, city government would not be able to function effectively.

The staff hopes that this orientation booklet will provide useful information and guidelines for you. Congratulations on being elected to this seat of local government. The staff looks forward to working with you.

Office of the City Manager

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