

67C.105 Qualifications, election, title, and powers of mayor -- Procedure for filling vacancy in office of mayor.

- (1) All executive and administrative power of the government shall be vested in the office of the mayor. The term "executive and administrative power" shall be construed broadly. The mayor shall be the chief executive of a consolidated local government formed under the provisions of KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137.
- (2) The mayor shall be nominated and elected in partisan elections for a term of four (4) years in the same election years as other local government officials as regulated by the regular election laws of the Commonwealth. The mayor shall assume office on the first Monday in January following his or her election. He or she shall serve until a successor qualifies and may serve for no more than three (3) consecutive terms after which time he or she shall be prohibited from running for election or being appointed as mayor for a period of at least four (4) years.
- (3) The mayor shall be at least twenty-five (25) years old, a qualified voter, a member of his or her political party, and a resident of the territory encompassing the consolidated local government for a period of at least one (1) year prior to his or her election as mayor. The mayor shall continue to reside within the geographic boundary of the consolidated local government throughout his or her term of office.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137, the mayor shall have all the power and authority that the mayor of the city of the first class and the county judge/executive exercised under the Constitution and the general laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to the consolidation.
- (5) The mayor is authorized to supervise, administer, and control all departments and agencies as may be created by KRS 67C.101 to 67C.137 or created by ordinance. The mayor shall appoint all department and agency directors. The appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. Specifically, the mayor shall:
 - (a) Prepare and submit an annual report coinciding with the fiscal year, on the state of the consolidated local government, to be presented at a public meeting of the council;
 - (b) Submit an annual budget;
 - (c) Oversee the administration and implementation of the adopted budget ordinance;
 - (d) Enforce the ordinances of the consolidated local government;
 - (e) Supervise all officers, agents, employees, cabinets, departments, offices, agencies, functions, and duties of the consolidated local government;
 - (f) Call special meetings of the consolidated local government council;
 - (g) Appoint and remove his or her own staff at his or her own pleasure;
 - (h) Execute written contracts or obligations of the consolidated local government; and
 - (i) Approve or veto ordinances and resolutions adopted by the consolidated local government council.

- (6) In case the office of mayor becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, or removal, the members of the legislative council of the consolidated local government shall by a majority vote of the membership of the council elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy in the office of the mayor not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the vacancy occurs for the unexpired term. The members of the legislative body of the consolidated local government may elect one (1) of their members to serve as temporary mayor until they are able to hold the election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the legislative council fails to elect a person to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, the Governor shall fill the vacancy in the office by appointment of a qualified person for the unexpired term.
- (7) The mayor of a consolidated local government shall be known as the mayor of/..... County Metro Government, which shall be a combination of the names of the largest city in existence in the county on the date of the adoption of the consolidated local government and the county.

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