

POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL*

LEGISLATIVE

- Adopts local laws (ordinances) to protect the public health, safety, morals and welfare. I.C. § 50-302
- Annexes territory into the City by ordinance. I.C. § 50-222.
- Adopts a comprehensive plan by resolution, which serves as the City's plan for future growth and development. I.C. § 67-6503; 67-6508; 67-6509.
- Adopts a zoning ordinance to regulate land uses within the City. I.C. § 67-6511; 67-6512; 67-6516; 67-6518; 67-6519.
- Adopts a subdivision ordinance setting forth the process for subdivision applications, fees and approval; standards for streets and other infrastructure; and other requirements. I.C. §§ 67-6513; 67-6518; 67-6519.
- Negotiates with county commissioners regarding the City's impact area and regarding which regulations will apply in that area. I.C. § 67-6526.
- May create an urban renewal agency to plan and undertake economic development projects. I.C. §§ 50-2006 through 50-2008; 50-2906.
- May override a mayoral veto by a majority vote of the full council. I.C. § 50-611.
- Establishes the place and time of regular council meetings by ordinance. I.C. § 50-706.
- Authorizes and holds executive sessions for permitted purposes. I.C. § 67-2345.
- Determines which services the City should provide, the associated fees, and whether to perform the service through a third party. I.C. Title 50, Chapter 3.
- Adopts ordinances and regulations to protect public health and prevent contagious diseases, including quarantine laws. I.C. § 50-304.
- Adopts franchise ordinances granting rights-of-way for power, natural gas, water and cable providers and setting franchise fees. I.C. §§ 50-239 & 50-239A.
- May adopt building, residential, energy conservation, mechanical and fuel gas codes. I.C. §§ 39-4109; 39-4116; 54-5001.
- Regulates, establishes license fees (up to state maximum), and approves licenses for retail sale of liquor by the drink, beer and wine.
- Vacates streets and public rights-of-way. I.C. § 50-1306A.

*The powers and responsibilities listed on this publication are not intended to be exhaustive.

FISCAL

- Prepares a budget outlining the City's projected revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. I.C. § 50-1002.
- Approves an appropriations ordinance establishing spending authority for specific funds or department for the upcoming fiscal year. I.C. § 50-1003.
- Approves the City's property tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year. I.C. § 50-1007.
- Receives a monthly report on city finances from the city treasurer. I.C. § 50-208.
- Examines, at least quarterly, the accounts of officers responsible for managing monies, property or business of the City. I.C. § 50-708.
- Provides for audits of the City's financial statements in accordance with Idaho Code § 450B. I.C. § 50-1010.
- Establishes, by ordinance, the place(s) for deposit of City funds. IC. § 50-1013.
- Approves by resolution, investment of City funds. IC. § 50-1013.

QUASI-JUDICIAL

- Renders decisions on rezones, conditional use permits, variances and subdivision preliminary plats.
- Denials of licenses for retail sale of beer, wine and liquor by the drink. I.C. § 23-1016.
- Sits as appellate body for various purposes under state law and local ordinance.

Appointment Removal

- Confirmation of mayoral appointments to, and removal from, permanent city boards, commissions and committees. I.C. § 50-210.
- Confirmation of the mayor's nomination or removal of appointed officers by a majority of the full council. I.C. § 50-204; 50-205; 50-206.
- Removal of appointed officers by the council, without the mayor's approval, by unanimous vote of the council. I.C. § 50-206.
- Fill a mayoral vacancy from within or without the council as deemed in the best interests of the city. I.C. § 50-608.
- May establish appointed offices in addition to the city clerk, treasurer and attorney. I.C. § 50-204.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Selects a councilmember to serve as president of the council. I.C. § 50-702.
- May provide, by ordinance, for the election of council members by seat or district. I.C. § 50-707; 50-707A.
- May establish runoff elections for mayor and/ or designated council seats. I.C. § 50-612; 50-707B.
- May establish permanent city boards, commissions, and committees and define their membership, responsibilities, duties and authority. I.C. § 50-210.
- Sets compensation for mayor and council members, by ordinance. I.C. § 50-203.
- Designates by ordinance an official city newspaper for publishing legal notices. I.C. § 50-213.
- Request by resolution a “census or enumeration” of the inhabitants of the city. I.C. § 50-214.
- Sustains a local disaster emergency declaration beyond the initial seven-day period following the mayor’s declaration. I.C. § 46-1011.
- Approves disposal of surplus real property and leases of city owned real property. I.C. Title 50, Chapter 14.
- Approves mining leases of city property by ordinance. I.C. § 50-234.
- Adopts by resolution a record retention schedule listing the minimum retention period for the various types of city records. I.C. § 50-907.
- Approves by resolution the transfer of permanent records to the State Archives for permanent storage. I.C. § 50-907.
- Approves a copy fee schedule for public records. I.C. § 9-338(8).