

Structures of city governments

THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
CHARTER REVIEW
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Overview

- Overview of forms of municipal government
 - Including an overview on how Columbus City Council operates
- Comparative data on Ohio's 15 largest cities
- Comparative data on national peer cities

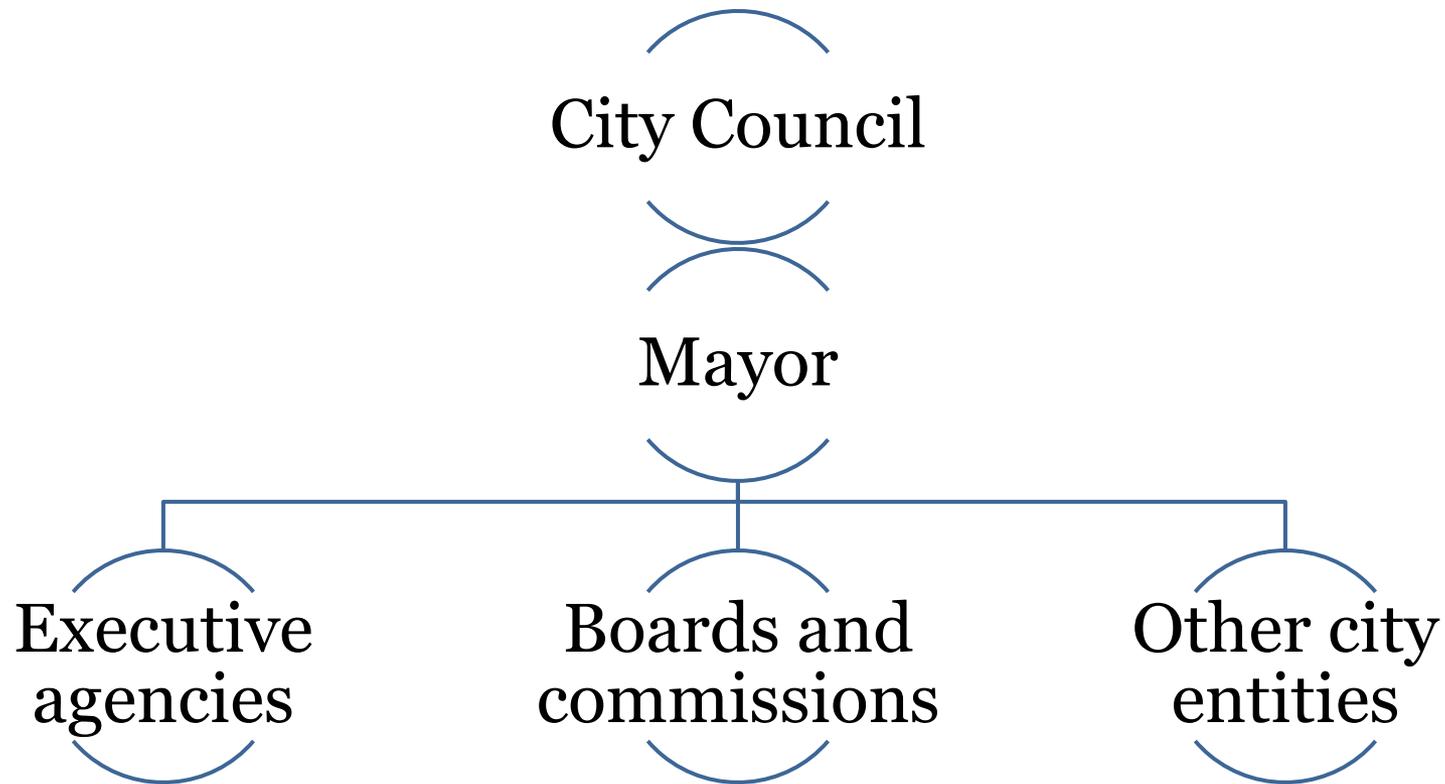
Mayor-Council city government



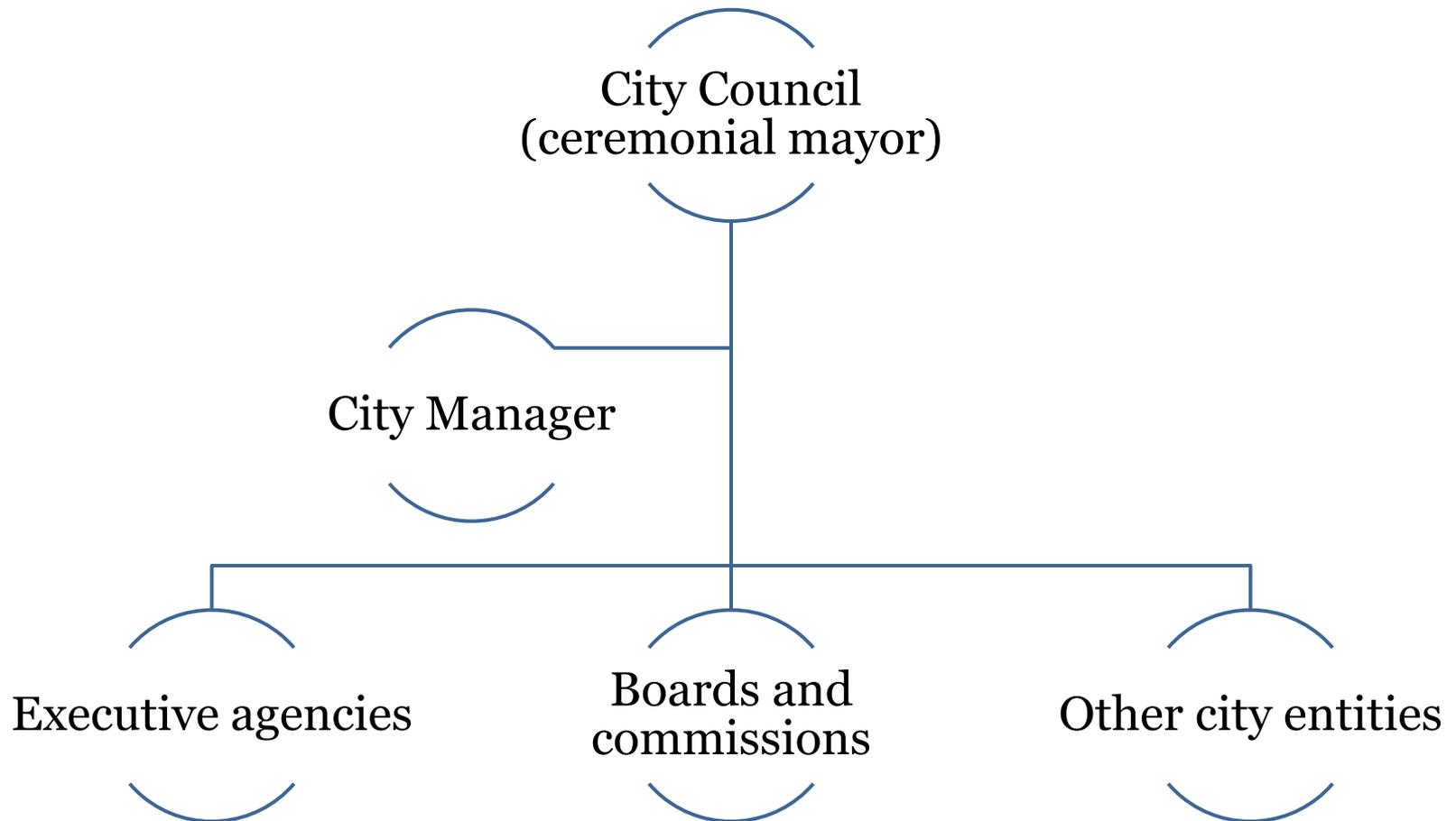
“Strong Mayor” Council-Mayor systems

- The mayor is the chief executive of the city;
- The mayor directs administrative structures, appoints and removes department heads;
- The mayor has veto powers over legislation;
- City council does not oversee daily operations of government.

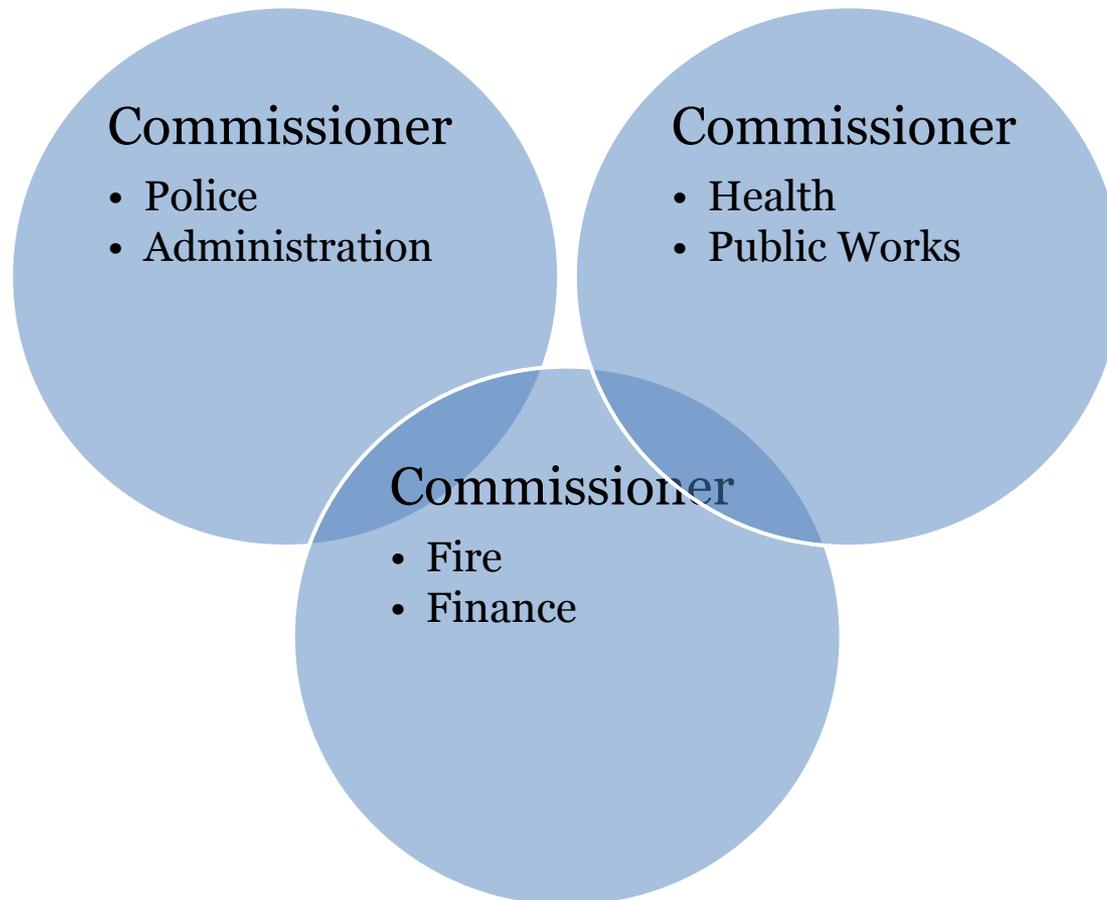
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Council-manager systems



Commission form of government



City-County Consolidated Governments

- City-county consolidations are attempts at metropolitan reorganization;
- There are only 34 city-county consolidated governments of 3,069 counties, nationwide;

The Ohio experience



The Ohio experience - council structure

At-large

- Cincinnati
- Columbus
- Dayton
- Hamilton
- Springfield

Hybrid

- Akron
- Canton
- Elyria
- Kettering
- Lakewood
- Lorain
- Parma
- Toledo
- Youngstown

District

- Cleveland

The Ohio experience - home rule

Home rule cities

- Akron
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Statutory cities

- Canton
- Lorain
- Parma

Columbus City Council



Council
Member
Stinziano

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Recreation &
Parks

Zoning

President Pro
Tempore
Tyson

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Health &
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Workforce
Development

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President
Klein

Rules and
Reference

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Member
Hardin

Public Service &
Transportation

Small &
Minority
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