

1 **Sec. 209. Duties and authority of the Mayor.**

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3 (a) **Duties.** The Mayor will:

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5 (1) **Official head of the City.** Be recognized as the official head of the City for all  
6 purposes, except as provided otherwise in this Charter. As official head of the  
7 City the Mayor may do all things reasonably necessary or desirable to support  
8 other types of government entities, including but not limited to county,  
9 educational, library, and economic development institutions, in meeting their  
10 public purposes when such support and cooperation may also further the mission  
11 and powers of the City.

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13 (2) **State of the City address.** Deliver on an annual basis an address reporting upon  
14 the state of the City and making recommendations on goals for the City and  
15 proposals for achieving such goals.

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17 (3) **Appointment of boards and commissions.** Appoint all members of boards and  
18 commissions except when provided otherwise in this Charter or by statute, and  
19 except for members of a Public Improvement Advisory Committee and  
20 Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, so long as they exist, who will be  
21 appointed as provided by ordinance.

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23 (4) **Preside over meetings of the Council.** Preside over all meetings of the Council  
24 when in attendance.

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26 (5) **Mayor pro tem.** Appoint one member of the Council as Mayor pro tem to serve  
27 as Mayor, including to preside over meetings of the Council at which the Mayor  
28 does not attend, during the absence or disability of the Mayor, and if a vacancy in  
29 the office of Mayor occurs, pending the selection of a successor. The Mayor pro  
30 tem shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

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32 (6) **Committee membership.** Appoint the members of Council committees, including  
33 officers of the committees, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

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35 (b) **Parole and pardon.** The Mayor shall have the authority, upon the written  
36 recommendation of the Director of the department overseeing municipal corrections, to  
37 parole any person convicted in the municipal division, or upon appeal, under such  
38 regulations as may be provided by ordinance. The Mayor shall have authority to pardon  
39 any person convicted in the Kansas City Municipal Division or upon appeal, under such  
40 regulations as may be provided by ordinance.

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42 (c) **General power and authority.** The Mayor will perform all other duties consistent with  
43 the office and required by law.  
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- 45 (d) ***Service of process.*** Service of all civil process, judicial writs and legal notices running to  
46 the City of Kansas City, may be had upon the Mayor or in the Mayor’s absence or  
47 disability upon the Mayor pro tem. The Mayor may, by written authority filed with the  
48 City Clerk, authorize such service upon the City Attorney.  
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52 **Sec. 206. Term of office.**

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- 54 (a) ***Length of term.*** All members of the Council, including the Mayor, will serve a term of  
55 four years, commencing May 1\* following their election.

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- 57 (b) ***Term limits.***

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- 59 (1) ***Mayor.*** No person shall be elected Mayor who has been elected Mayor ~~in each of~~  
60 ~~the last two~~ at three regular municipal elections.

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- 62 (2) ***Member of the Council.*** No person shall be elected a member of the Council who  
63 has been elected to the Council ~~in each of the last two~~ at three regular municipal  
64 elections.

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- 66 (3) ***Retroactive application.*** Persons elected as a member of the Council or as Mayor  
67 prior to the date this Charter becomes effective are included within the term limits  
68 established by this section, except any person serving as a member of the Council  
69 at the time the amendment to this section 206 is effective, may serve one  
70 additional term under the rule of the prior section 206 if eligible under that  
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73 \* If new election dates are approved, this date will be changed to reflect the change.

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77 **Sec. 218. City Manager.**

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- 79 (a) ***Qualifications and duties.*** The City Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of  
80 the City. The City Manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of executive and  
81 administrative qualifications. Neither the Mayor, nor any member of the Council, shall be  
82 chosen as City Manager during the term for which the official was elected.

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- 84 (b) ***Appointment.*** The Mayor and Council shall jointly conduct a search or recruitment for a  
85 City Manager upon terms agreed upon by the Mayor and Council. Upon completion of  
86 this process the Mayor shall be responsible for submitting a resolution to the Council for  
87 the appointment of a City Manager. If an appointment is not approved, the Mayor may

88 submit another person for consideration, or may ask that a search or recruitment process  
89 begin anew.

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91 (c) **Term.** The City Manager shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

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93 (d) **Compensation.** The Mayor may fix the compensation of the City Manager, subject to  
94 ratification by a vote of at least six additional members of the Council.

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96 (e) **Suspension or permanent removal from office.**

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98 (1) **Mayor.** The City Manager may be suspended with or without pay or removed  
99 from office by the Mayor ~~subject to ratification by a vote of at least six~~  
100 ~~additional members of the Council at the next scheduled meeting of the~~  
101 ~~Council. During the period between Council consideration of the suspension~~  
102 ~~or removal by the Mayor, the City Manager shall be suspended with or~~  
103 ~~without pay as designated by the Mayor and shall be notified in writing of~~  
104 ~~such suspension or removal from office, with a copy provided to the City~~  
105 ~~Clerk and each member of the City Council.~~

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107 (2) **Council.** By a vote of nine members of the Council, not including the Mayor, the  
108 City Manager may be removed from office.

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110 ~~(3) Procedure for removal.~~

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112 ~~(A) Notification in writing. The City Manager and~~ shall be notified in writing  
113 of such suspension or removal from office by no later than the next  
114 business day following the Council's action.

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116 ~~(B) Request for statement and hearing. The City Manager may, in writing~~  
117 ~~filed with the City Clerk within ten days after receipt of the notification,~~  
118 ~~demand a written statement of the reasons for such suspension or removal~~  
119 ~~and a hearing before the Council. This statement shall be provided within~~  
120 ~~ten days of the request. The Council shall hold a hearing no earlier than~~  
121 ~~five and no later than fifteen days after the City Manager is provided a~~  
122 ~~written statement of reasons for suspension or removal from office. The~~  
123 ~~hearing before the Council shall be a public hearing unless otherwise~~  
124 ~~ordered by a court.~~

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126 ~~(C) Suspension and/or removal final.~~ The suspension or removal of the City  
127 Manager shall be final and not subject to review.

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129 ~~(4) Ministerial actions. Any actions required of the Council to implement the~~  
130 ~~suspension or removal of the City Manager, such as the appropriation of funds,~~  
131 ~~are ministerial actions and not discretionary.~~

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- (f) ***Temporary appointment.*** In case of resignation, disability, suspension or removal from office of the City Manager, the Mayor shall designate some qualified person to temporarily perform the duties of the office and the appropriate compensation to be paid that person, subject to ratification by a vote of at least six additional members of the Council. In all other instances of the temporary absence of the City Manager, the City Manager shall designate an acting City Manager.