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- Councils with a large number of seats have greater geographic diversity on the council when members are elected by district.
- As the number of council members grows, it can be harder to reach consensus on issues.
- Larger councils can cost taxpayers more to staff and administer.
- Smaller councils can cost taxpayers less but can provide less diversity in representation.

MAYORAL OPTIONS

A VOTING MAYOR

- Having the mayor vote on all issues increases the odds of having at least one elected official voting for what's best for the city as a whole.
- In a system that includes both district and at-large council members, a voting mayor can add weight to the votes of the other at-large council members.
- A non-voting mayor allows the mayor to represent the city as a whole without being dragged into taking a position on controversial items that could impede her or his effectiveness.

SELECTING A MAYOR

- Mayor elected at-large – The mayor is elected by all qualified voters of the city.
- Mayor selected from within council – The mayor is selected by the City Council from within its own membership.