

Differences between Leon Valley
Government under General Law (1952-
2017) and under the Current Leon Valley
Charter (2018 – present)

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- **Pre- Charter – General Law (1952-2017)**
Council hired City Manager, Police Chief, City Attorney, City Secretary.

Council approved all department heads selected by manager.

- **NO PROCESS OF REMOVAL** of elected officials.
Limited to state law grounds.

Mayor/CC were free to question the CM/ and staff without fearing a removal process.

Current Charter (2018-)

Council hires City Manager only;
City Manager selects City Attorney
w/ Council approval. Rest of positions
including City Secretary hired/fired by CM.

GROUND FOR REMOVAL "Interfering with duties of City Manager", "Violating any provision of Charter", "Giving orders to officers/employees either publicly or privately" "Releasing attorney-client privileged information".

- General Law:
City Manager can be removed by a majority vote (3 out of 5)

Council Qualifications 1) voter;
2) Live in LV; 3) Over 18 years of age

State law governs qualifications

Current Charter:

City Manager can be removed only
by 2/3 vote (4 out of 5)

Qualifications: General Law +
not qualified if " in violation of any
provision of Charter" and can
be forfeited for violating any provision
of Charter.

Council "sole judges" of qualifications.

- General Law:
City Attorney reports to City Council.

Mayor head of City Government

Current Charter:
City Attorney reports to City
Manager.

Mayor head of city only for
ceremonial purposes and
emergency management under
state law.