



LEE'S SUMMIT

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TO: Chairperson Trish Carlyle and Members of the Rules Committee

FROM: Nancy K. Yendes, Chief Counsel Infrastructure and Planning

RE: Report on Number of Council Districts Utilized by Similarly Sized Cities to Lee's Summit in the Region

The Committee asked staff to investigate and report on what cities of similar size to Lee's Summit use for election of councilmembers based on districts or at large representation in the region. Research revealed there are only a handful of cities in the region with similar populations to Lee's Summit. Therefore, cities close in population were added to provide more examples of how cities deal with districts and numbers of council members. Where possible, examples of charter cities from adjoining states were used.

Councilmember Johnson also mentioned expectations of the electorate and therefore smaller charter cities from the immediate metro area were added to show what is taking place in the area with the exception of Kansas City, Missouri.

The information is provided on the attached chart, which is organized, by State and the City, population, number of districts if any and number of council members in each district is shown. The Mayor has been added to the total number of council or board members as that office is universally elected at large unless the governing body itself elects the Mayor. In those instances, the number of council members will equal the number of at large or district members.

Please let us know if you have any questions.