Research Results: Appointment Process of Other Municipalities
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City	Population	Form of Government	Committee Application	Mayor Appoints	Council Appoints	Council Confirms	Other	Number of Committees
Scottsdale AZ	245,500	Council – City Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Council members nominate citizens for a public interview. After interview the appointment is made.	28
Minneapolis MN	390,131	Mayor-Council	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Staff reviews application with committee members, Mayor and Council President, writes recommendation and sends to Council Committee Coordinator. Applicants are then interviewed by the Council at their meeting.	50+
St. Paul MN	287,151	Mayor-Council	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Same process as Madison WI	33
Lincoln NE	245,001	Mayor-Council	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Same process as Madison WI	64
Reno NV	220,500	Council - City Manager	Yes	Yes	Ye (if required by Municipal Code)	Yes	The City Clerk's Office accepts applications in person, or via their website. When a vacancy occurs on a board or commission, the item is placed on the Council agenda. Depending on what the Reno Municipal Code requires, appointments are made by the Mayor with Council confirmation, or by the Mayor and Council as a whole.	30+
Hampton VA	145,494	Council - City Manager	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Interested candidates are forwarded by the City Clerk to the Council for consideration of appointment.	46
Richmond VA	202,002	Mayor-Council	Yes	No	No	Yes	Applications reviewed by Council Standing Committee, recommendation is forwarded to Council Organizational Standing Committee, if approved a resolution is drafted and the applicant is invited to attend City Council meeting for a public hearing and approval.	6
Beloit WI	35,775	Council - City Manager	Yes	No	No	Yes	Appointment Review Committee selects appointments for confirmation by the Council.	18
Milwaukee WI	953,328	Mayor-Council	No	Yes	No	Yes	Most appointments made by Mayor. There are some appointments made by the Council President or other people (Standing Committees). No application – appointing authorities do their own search for appointees.	110