



**Term Limits for Mayor and Council in Selected Cities in Tennessee and Outside Tennessee (updated 2019)**

City	Term limits for mayor	Term limits for council members
Atlanta, GA	2 terms, 4 years each	None
Baltimore, MD	None	None
Chattanooga, TN	2 terms, 4 years each	None
Columbus, OH	None	None
Detroit, MI	None	None
Indianapolis, IN	None	None
Jacksonville, FL	2 terms, 4 years each	2 terms, 4 years each
Knoxville, TN	2 terms, 4 years each	2 terms, 4 years each
Milwaukee, WI	None	None
Minneapolis, MN	None	None
Nashville, TN	2 terms, 4 years each	2 terms, 4 years each
New Orleans, LA	2 terms, 4 years each	None
Omaha, NE	None	None
St. Louis, MO	None	None
Washington, D.C.	None	None

**Atlanta GA**

Council

No term limits for council members

Mayor

Section 3-101. Election; term; limitation of term.

The mayor shall be elected from the city at-large for a term of four years commencing on the first Monday in January after each regular municipal election, and he or she shall serve until his or her successor has taken office. Any mayor who has been elected for two consecutive four-year terms under the provisions of this Charter shall not be eligible to be elected for the succeeding term. (1996 Ga. L. (Act No. 1019), p. 4469)

**Chattanooga, TN**

Council

No term limits for council members

Mayor

Sec. 8.29. Term limits of mayor.

No person shall be eligible to be elected as mayor for more than two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms.

## **Jacksonville FL**

### Council

Section 5.041. Limitation of Term of Office.

No person elected for two consecutive full terms as a member of the council shall be eligible for election as a council member in the next succeeding term. A council term ending on or prior to June 30, 1991, shall not be considered a consecutive term for purposes of this section. (Referendum of May 21, 1991; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

### Mayor

Section 6.01. Qualifications and term of office.\*

The mayor shall be a qualified elector of Duval County and a resident of Duval County, and shall have resided in and been a qualified elector of Duval County for at least 365 consecutive days immediately before the date on which he or she qualifies to run for the office of mayor. If he or she shall cease to possess any such qualifications during his or her term of office, he or she shall forthwith forfeit the office, and the council shall remove him or her therefrom. He or she shall be elected for a period of 4 years and shall assume office on the first day of July following his or her election and serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified. No mayor elected and qualified for two consecutive terms shall be eligible for election as mayor in the next succeeding term. The mayor shall devote his or her entire time to the performance of the duties of his or her office and shall hold no other public office or public employment.

(Ord. 79-821-516, § 2; Ord. 84-1307-754, § 4; Laws of Fla., Ch. 92-341, § 1)

## **Knoxville, TN**

### Council

Section 105. – Term Limits

No person shall be eligible to serve in any elected office authorized or created by the charter of the City of Knoxville if during the previous two (2) terms of that office, the person in question has served more than a single term. Service prior to the passage of this measure shall not count in determining length of service. Judges are exempt from this provision.

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## **Nashville, TN**

### Council

Section 1.07. – Term Limits

No person elected and qualified to the office of mayor, vice mayor, district councilmember, or councilmember-at-large shall be eligible for the succeeding term in the same office if such person has served more than one-half of a four (4) year term and a consecutive complete four (4) year term in that particular office. For purposes of this section, the offices of district councilmember and councilmember-at-large, as established pursuant to section 3.01 of this Charter, shall be considered separate elected offices.

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**New Orleans, LA**

Council

No term limits for council members.

Mayor

Section 4-201. Election and Term.

The electors of the City shall elect a Mayor at an election to be held in accordance with the election laws of the state. The Mayor shall take office on the first Monday in May of 1998 and every four years thereafter, provided that if applicable law provides for a primary and general election for Mayor and members of the Council in the year 2005 and every fourth year thereafter, the Mayor shall take office beginning in the year 2006 on the third Monday in January. A person who has served as Mayor for more than one and one-half terms in two consecutive terms shall not be eligible for election as Mayor for the succeeding term.

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