

ORGANIZATION

Boise City is one of 200 cities in the State of Idaho. Bellevue is the only charter city left in Idaho. All other cities are "creatures of the state" authorized for organization by the Idaho Constitution. "The legislature shall provide by general laws for the incorporation, organization and classification of the cities and towns in proportion to the population," (Idaho Constitution Article 12, Section 1). "The legislature by general and uniform laws shall provide for such township, precinct and municipal (city) officers as probable convenience may require," (Idaho Constitution Article 18, Section 6). Boise City operates under the mayor-council system of government as a city of the first class under the general laws of the State of Idaho with a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term. Council members are also elected for four-year terms, three being elected every two years to stagger the terms for continuity. The Mayor is the chief executive officer for the City, responsible for carrying out policies set by the council and for enforcing the ordinances existing in the City Code.

The Mayor is assisted in this responsibility by Department Director's appointed by the Mayor and confirmed with the consent of the council. For reporting purposes, the City is divided into eight general classifications:

- 1) General Government
- 2) Fire
- 3) Police
- 4) Parks and Recreation
- 5) Culture
- 6) Community Service
- 7) Community Development
- 8) Interest and Fiscal Charges

The major classifications are subdivided into divisions and those units are further subdivided into service units for budgeting, accounting and reporting purposes.

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