

TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Research of Other Cities in Kansas/Counties in Kansas/Surrounding State Capitals

Cities in Kansas – No Term Limits

- Andover
- Coffeyville (this city has never had an official run/serve more than twice (4 year terms))
- Dodge City
- Junction City
- Kansas City (Unified Govt.)
- Lansing
- Lawrence
- Lenexa
- Manhattan
- Olathe
- Overland Park
- Park City
- Salina
- Shawnee
- Topeka*

Cities in Kansas – With Term Limits

- Hutchinson – 1994 limitations for council, no one shall serve consecutively for more than 1 partial term plus 2 consecutive 4-year terms.
- Wichita – Mayor and Councilmembers may serve two consecutive terms.

Counties in Kansas – No Term Limits

- Butler County
- Saline County
- Shawnee County
- Wyandotte County (Unified Govt.)

Cities in Colorado

- Denver* – May serve three consecutive terms (12 years total)
- Fort Collins – Council members may serve two consecutive four-year terms. Mayor allowed to serve three consecutive two-year terms. (1994 citizen-initiated issue)
- Pueblo – Two consecutive four-year terms. Caveat: If a Councilmember is appointed mid-term, that time *does not* count toward the two consecutive term allotment. Council members who have served two consecutive terms must wait one term limit before running for election again. (As an example, Pueblo had two council members who had served eight years; they were required to wait-out a cycle, then ran for office again and were elected to another term)

Cities in Iowa

- Des Moines* – No Term Limits

Cities in Missouri

- Jefferson City* – Mayor has two 4 year term limit. Council has four 2 year term limits.
- Kansas City – Mayor and Council may serve two consecutive 4 year terms.

Cities in Nebraska

- Grand Island – No Term Limits
- Omaha – No Term Limits
- Lincoln* – Recently adopted (voted on in 2018) term limits for Mayor (he/she may serve three consecutive four-year terms). No term limits set for Council members.

Cities in Oklahoma

- Norman – No Term Limits
- Oklahoma City* – No Term Limits
- Broken Arrow – No Term Limits

**Capitol cities*

Capitol Cities (in adjoining states) With Term Limits

Denver, CO

Section 8.2.6 - Limitation on consecutive terms of office.

Elected officers shall serve no more than three consecutive four-year terms in their respective offices. If, in order to fill a vacancy in an elective office, the officer first takes office by way of succession, appointment or special election occurring more than two years prior to a general City and County election, the officer shall thereafter serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms in that same office. For purposes of this Section, terms are considered consecutive unless they are at least four years apart. The limitation set forth in this Section shall apply to all officers who are first elected, appointed, or succeed to a particular office on or after January 1, 2001. Any officer who has first been elected, appointed, or succeeds to a particular office prior to January 1, 2001 shall be subject to the limitation on consecutive terms set forth in Section 11(2) of Article XVIII of the Colorado Constitution.

(Charter 1960, C1.3-1; added November 7, 2000)

Jefferson City, MO

Section 3.2. Composition, Eligibility, Election, and Terms.

- (d) Limitation on terms. A councilman is prohibited from serving more than eight years on the City council. Any service resulting from an appointment after April 6, 2010 or resulting from an election or appointment occurring prior to April 6, 1993, shall not be counted toward the total number of years a person can serve.

[*City Council approved ballot measure to remove lifetime maximum in January 2019; however, may not be on a ballot until 2020.*]

Lincoln, NE

Article III, Section 4. Officers' Qualifications. (2018)

The elective officers of the city shall be residents thereof and qualified electors therein and citizens of the United States of America. The mayor shall not be qualified to hold office for more than three consecutive four-year terms.

Article about term limits for municipalities: <https://www.nlc.org/resource/cities-101-term-limits-and-limits>