

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Mesa, Arizona, showing a mix of urban development and open land. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The foreground shows several large, modern buildings and parking lots.

COUNCIL MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Elected Official and Staff Roles

John Giles, Mayor, Mesa

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The logo for the League of Arizona Cities AND Towns. It features the text "League of Arizona" in a serif font above "Cities AND Towns" in a larger serif font. A stylized star is positioned between the words "Cities" and "AND".

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The Council / Manager System

Mayor and Council
Make Policy

Manager and Staff
Implement Policy

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset, showing a dense urban area with various buildings and a clear sky with a warm orange glow.

It's the “grey areas”
that cause problems!


The Grey Area Test





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Within the council / manager system is an elected official permitted to...

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- ...instruct a police officer in the conduct of his/her job?
 - ...tell the planning director to approve an application for a zoning change?
 - ...fire the public works foreman for not filling the pot hole in front of city hall?

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset, showing various buildings and structures under a warm, orange sky. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the text area.

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Within the council / manager system is an elected official permitted to...

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- An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset, showing a dense urban area with various buildings and a clear sky with a warm orange glow.
- ...ask the mayor to schedule a workshop to discuss police protocols during traffic stops?
 - ...request that a zoning change that's been denied by P&Z be brought to Council for policy review?
 - ...suggest the city manager give a report on the status of the pot hole filling program?

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at sunset, showing numerous buildings and a hazy horizon. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the text area.

What “grey areas” have
you identified within
your local government?

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