



## Mayor's Veto Authority

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Although seldom used, the mayor's authority to veto ordinances and resolutions is an important check and balance in the council-mayor form of municipal government (the veto is not available to the mayor in the commission-manager form of government).

To exercise veto authority the *mayor must submit in writing his veto and all objections to the pending ordinance or resolution to the council at the next regular meeting*. The council may only *override the mayor's veto of a measure by a two thirds vote of the whole number of council members*. If the council fails to override the veto, the ordinance or resolution *must not* go into effect (7-3-214(2), 7-3-113(1)(f) and 7-5-4206, MCA).

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