

Borough Of Bellevue

Bellevue is located northwest of Pittsburg and occupies approximately one square mile with the population of about 13,000. {1972} On Nov 7, 1972 an election was held which allowed a commission to be elected to study the question on Home Rule. Thirty two citizens ran for the eleven positions on the Study commission. The vote on the Home Rule was overwhelmingly affirmative and on Nov. 27, 1972 the election of the top eleven candidates were certified and the group was designated as the Bellevue Government Study Commission.

- The governing body of the borough is an elected council consisting of nine council members.

The borough is divided into three wards, with three members of the council elected from each ward.

- The Mayor is an elected position for a four year term.

The mayor may veto any action of council but a two thirds majority of council can override his veto.

- The Mayors official function in the borough are to enforce the ordinances and to be general supervisor of the police dept.
- The tax collector is an elected position in the borough.

After Home Rule was adopted

- Council remains as the chief legislative and administrative body in the borough. It is still composed of nine members and continues to be elected as before. Three from each ward.
- The Mayor continues to be elected to a four year term however his role has changed. In addition to enforcing ordinances and supervising the police dept. he now is charged with keeping council informed of any circumstances requiring legislative or any official action. He is permitted to form citizens committees to study borough problems. The Mayor may attend council meetings and deliberate in the discussions, may veto any ordinance but does not have a vote in council except in the case of a tie. The Mayor is also an ex-officio member of all borough boards and commissions. He is also required to submit a proposed budget.
- The tax collector is still an elected position. Elected by the qualified voters in the borough.

The tax collector shall be a citizen of the united states, shall be a qualified voter in the borough and shall have been a resident of the borough for at least one yr. next prior the date of his or her election.

- Initiative procedure requires council to act upon a given subject within two {2} months after the receipt of a petition signed by registered voters comprising of at least 2% of the number voting in the most recent municipal election. The Charter does not require that council's action necessarily be in accord with the wishes of the petitioner and, to prevent a campaign of harassment, the same subject may not be presented under this procedure oftener than once in any two {2} years.