

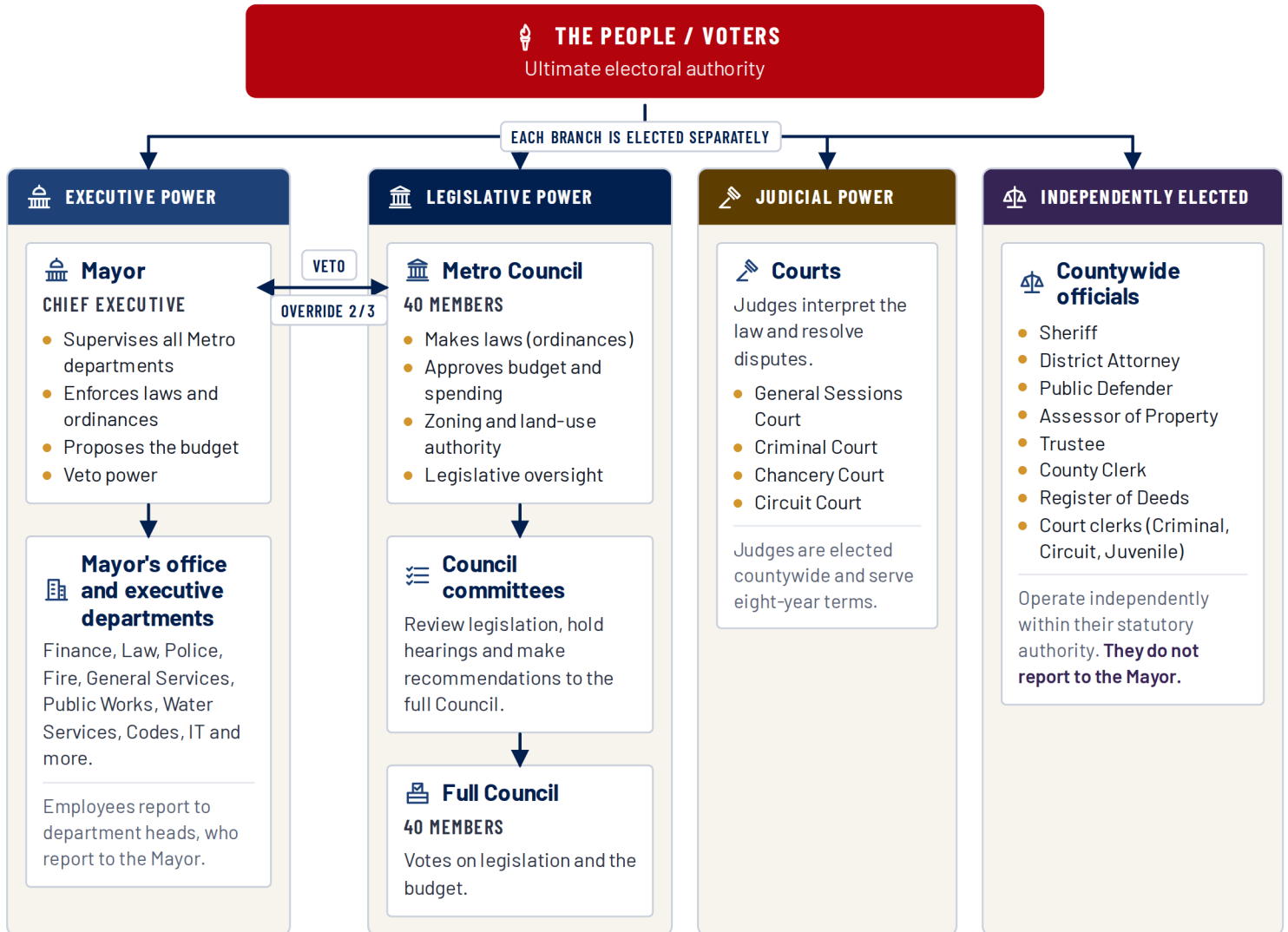


Davidson County power & organization map

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Who holds the power in Metro?

One consolidated government. Four separately elected sets of officials, and none of them answers to another.



HOW POWER WORKS TOGETHER

**Council passes legislation**

Clears committee, then a majority vote.

**Mayor signs or vetoes**

Approves it, or sends it back.

**Council can override**

A two-thirds vote overrides a veto.

**Departments implement it**

The executive branch carries it out.

**Courts interpret the law**

Judges resolve disputes over what it means.

KEY POINT

There is no single "boss."

Metro Nashville runs on a separation of powers. The branches are equal in their own spheres, and checks and balances keep each one honest.