



City Councils with Supplemental Budget Authority

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City	Practice/Code/Charter	Council Supplemental Budget Powers	Other Information
Philadelphia, PA	Charter	Council can initiate in order to (a) meet emergencies which could not be anticipated when the operating budget ordinance was passed; (b) pay the expenses of holding recall and special elections and elections on proposals to amend this charter; (c) pay such salary as the Civil Service Commission, pursuant to the provisions of this charter, may have awarded to a Managing Director whose dismissal by the Mayor the Commission found to be unwarranted; (d) pay the costs of council investigations and inquiries and the compensation of attorneys retained by the Council as authorized by this charter.	
Columbus, OH	Charter	When additional revenue is available. Council also has the power to transfer money between departments with Mayoral approval.	
Detroit, MI	Charter	When additional revenue is available	In emergencies, the city may issue emergency notes to spending beyond available funds
San Francisco, CA	Charter	Council can increase or decrease any proposed individual expenditure in a fund, as long as the total expenditures do not exceed the proposed amounts submitted by the Mayor.	If spending addresses a previously rejected budget amendment, it must pass by two-thirds vote

St. Petersburg, FL	Charter	None	
Lake Placid, FL	Charter	When additional revenue is available	
Lansing, MI	Charter	None	Must pass by two-thirds vote
Dearborn, MI	Code	When additional revenue is available	
San Diego, CA	Practice/Code	If Mayor proposes surplus spending, Council may approve or re-appropriate for a different purpose.	
Los Angeles, CA	Practice	Appropriation must be brought by Council as a whole	