

City Manager, Atchison, KS (11,000) Located along on the Missouri River in Northeastern Kansas, Atchison is a historic and progressive community that serves as the seat of Atchison County. Located 35 miles northwest of Kansas City International Airport and on three major highways, Atchison is home to Benedictine College, a 2,000 student Catholic University, and the headquarters of MGP Ingredients, a leading U.S. supplier of distilled alcohol products and specialty wheat proteins and starches. The industrial community of Atchison is also home to the Bradken Foundry, one of the largest steel foundries in North America. Atchison has a rich history and has been home to many important figures, including aviation legend Amelia Earhart, who was born in Atchison. Amelia's birthplace home is now a museum that is one of many notable tourist attractions in Atchison, which also include the International Forest of Friendship, the Amelia Earhart Earthwork, and several other museums and landmarks.

Since 1921, the City of Atchison has operated under the commission-manager form of government. Under the policy direction of the City Commission, 18 city managers have served as the City of Atchison's chief executive officer. The manager is responsible for the administration of the City's affairs, for ensuring that the laws and ordinances of the City are enforced, and for the appointment and removal of all department heads, subordinate officers, and employees of the City. The City Manager is appointed by a majority vote of the City Commission, and serves at their pleasure.

Atchison is a full-service community with 107 full-time employees and an annual budget of approximately \$25 million, including capital projects. The City of Atchison has five operating departments; Police, Fire, Finance, Community Development, and Public Works & Utilities. The City also operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants.

Ideal candidates for the City Manager position have knowledge and experience in municipal operations, capital improvement programs, strategic planning processes, grant management, and economic development. Candidates must have at least five to seven years of experience as a city manager, assistant city manager, or city department head, and a strong background as a leader, manager, and organizer.

The position requires a bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, or a related field. A master's degree is desired. Candidates must be community driven, team minded, and goal oriented. Strong verbal and written communication skills, as well as the ability to effectively direct staff to move the organization forward are essential.

The salary range is \$85,000-\$115,000, depending on qualifications and experience, with an excellent benefits package. Residency is required within six months of appointment. Submit résumé, cover letter, salary history, and contact information for five professional references by October 20th to LoriM@cityofatchison.com. Questions regarding recruitment may be directed to Lori Moore, Human Resource Director, 913-367-5507.