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LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

You asked for information on local governments in Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Enfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hamden, Hartford, Manchester, Meriden, Milford, New Britain, Norwalk, Shelton, Southington, Stratford, Trumbull, Waterbury, West Hartford and West Haven. Specifically, you requested the following for each municipality:

1. form of government;
2. the number of councilmen, aldermen, or directors;
3. legislative members' salaries and fringe benefits; and
4. population.

Connecticut's municipalities have varying forms of government. For the above towns, these include: mayor-council, mayor-aldermen, first selectman-council, selectman-representative town meeting and council-manager. The legislative members' salaries also vary, from no salary to upwards of \$15,000. Hartford is the only municipality that provides fringe benefits for its council members.

Table 1 presents the information requested for each municipality.

TABLE 1: LOCAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR SELECTED TOWNS AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES' SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

Town	Form of Government	Legislative Members	Annual Salaries	Benefits	Population (2010)
Bristol	Mayor-Council	Six councilmen	\$9,829	None	60,528
Danbury	Mayor-Council	21 councilmen	None	None	77,748
East Hartford	Mayor-Council	Nine councilmen	Approx. \$4,400	None	48,835
Enfield	Council-Manager	11 councilmen	None	None	45,553
Fairfield	Selectmen-Representative Town Meeting	50 representatives	None	None	56,557
Greenwich	Selectmen-Representative Town Meeting	230 representatives	None	None	60,551
Hamden	Mayor-Council	15 councilmen	\$1,200	None	58,312
Hartford	Mayor-Council	Nine councilmen	\$15,000	Health insurance	121,599
Manchester	Council-Manager	Nine directors	\$2,000	None	57,925
Meriden	Mayor-Council	12 councilmen	\$2,400 base, more for chairmen	None	58,801
Milford	Mayor-Alderman	15 alderman	None	None	54,377
New Britain	Mayor-Council	15 councilmen	\$4500 Mayor pro-tempore \$3500 other council members	None	70,185
Norwalk	Mayor-Council	15 councilmen	\$600	None	83,247
Shelton	Mayor-Aldermen	8 aldermen	None	None	39,261
Southington	Council-Manager	Nine councilmen	None	None	42,185
Stratford	Mayor-Council	10 councilmen	None	None	48,817
Trumbull	Selectmen-Council	21 councilmen	None	None	35,676
Waterbury	Mayor-Aldermen	15 aldermen	\$4,000	None	107,460
West Hartford	Manager-Council	Nine councilmen	None	None	64,201
West Haven	Mayor-Council	13 councilmen	\$3,000 for chairmen, \$2,400 other members	None	53,642

*Sources: various town websites, population data from Connecticut Economic Resource Center Inc., available at www.cerc.com.

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