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This bill allows the city of Shorewood, a statutory city, to provide by ordinance for the election of city council members by wards, and also allows for staggering of terms.

Statutory cities are not authorized by general law to establish a ward system. A home rule charter city may do so through its charter. A statutory city that has a ward system may have it because it was a former general law or special law city that chose to retain its ward system when those laws were repealed in 1973 with the enactment of the statutory city code, because it chose to establish it at the time of incorporation or consolidation following a decision of the Minnesota municipal board, or by other special law.