## **Town of Davidson**

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# The Town

★ Municipality = city, town, village

## ★In Mecklenburg County

- One city Charlotte
- Six towns Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville
- ★<u>No legal difference</u> between a city, town or village is preference of the residents

## Davidson

★ Settled in mid-1800s

– Davidson College and farms

★Incorporated in 1879

- Town name: Davidson College
- Changed to Davidson in 1891

★ Population

- Over 9,000 citizens today

★ Area

- 5 square miles

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## Government

### ★ Town Council

- Mayor and Town Board of Commissioners
- Nonpartisan election every 2 years
- ★ Council-Manager Government
  - Elected Mayor and Town Board set policies
  - Professional Town Manager administers policies and manages town government
  - Codes and ordinances (local laws/rules)
    <a href="http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us/index.aspx?nid=478">http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us/index.aspx?nid=478</a>



## Town services

- ★ Planning
  - Zoning, planning and land use
- ★Public Works
  - Sidewalks, streets, garbage, recycling, stormwater
- ★ Parks & Recreation and Cultural Services
  - Parks, athletics, arts programs, festivals

## ★Public Safety

- Police, Animal Control
- EMS/Fire

### ★Town Government

• Operations, Finance



# Who runs the town?

### The Mayor and Town Board



#### Elected, nonpartisan

- Mayor and Town Board
- Establishes priorities on community needs, sets policy, establishes the budget, levies taxes, creates ordinances

Town Manager

### Jamie Justice

- and
- Hired by Mayor and Town
  Board
- Responsible for daily

operations of the town

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## **Town Board Meetings**

- ★ Town Board Meetings
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
    - 6PM at Town Hall
  - Who can attend? Anyone
- ★ Website: <u>www.ci.davidson.nc.us</u>
- ★ Follow town government meeting agendas, minutes and news
  - <u>http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us/index.aspx?NID=73</u>



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#### FY 2015-2016 Town of Davidson County Budget Summary

FY 2016 Town of Davidson Tax Rate: \$0.35 per \$100 of assessed value (\$1.1657 combined with Mecklenburg County rate)

#### Where the Money Comes From:

