

City of Charlotte Government

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THE CITY

- ★ Municipality = city, town, village
- ★ In Mecklenburg County
 - One city - Charlotte
 - Six towns - Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville
- ★ No legal difference between a city, town or village – is preference of the residents

COUNCIL-MANAGER

- ★ Charlotte is one of the largest US cities with this form of government
 - Manager reports to city council
 - City Council votes on Manager's recommendations
- ★ Responsibilities divided
 - **Elected** Officials + **Appointed** City Manager
- ★ Provides skilled professional administration for city government

CITY SERVICES

★ Community Health and Safety

- Police*, Fire/Emergency Services, Animal Control*
- Water/Sewer*, Garbage, Yard Waste, Recycling

★ Transportation

- Bus, Train (Rapid Transit), Airport

★ Infrastructure

- Build/maintain **city** streets, street lights, sidewalks

★ Planning and Development

- Land Use, Zoning, Housing, Neighborhood Development
- Economic Development/Jobs

** Consolidated Service with County*

WHO RUNS THE CITY?

The Mayor and City Council



- **Elected**
- 12 Total Members
- Establishes priorities on community needs, sets policy, establishes the budget, levies taxes, creates ordinances

and

Charlotte City Manager



Marcus Jones

- **Hired** by City Council
- Responsible for daily operations of the city

CITY MANAGER

★ Responsibility

- Carries out the City Council's policy decisions
- Provides vision and leadership
- Oversees daily operations of City government

★ Key administrative officer of the City

- Assisted by a leadership team made up of Deputy and Assistant City Managers and members of the Manager's staff

MAYOR

- ★ Elected every 2 years
- ★ Presides at City Council meetings
 - Votes in the event of a tie
 - Has veto authority
- ★ With City Council, is responsible for establishing the general policies for City
- ★ Chief spokesperson for the City
 - Represents city at ceremonies and events
 - Local, state, national, international



Mayor

Jennifer Roberts

(D)

CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL

★ Elected every 2 years

- 4 members by citywide vote (at-large)
- 7 members from voters in districts

★ Key roles

- Establish general policies for City (with mayor)
- Appoint positions
 - City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk
 - Boards and Commissions members
- Review annual budget, set tax rate, oversight for City operations, authorize contracts.
- Enact ordinances, orders (laws at local level)
 - Graffiti, noise, curfew

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



At-Large

Vi Lyles
(D) Mayor Pro-Tem



Julie Eiselt (D)



Claire Fallon (D)



James Mitchell (D)



District 1

Patsy Kinsey
(D)



District 2

Al Austin
(D)



District 3

LaWana Mayfield
(D)



District 4

Gregory Phipps
(D)



District 5

John Autry
(D)



District 6

Kenny Smith
(R)



District 7

Ed Driggs
(R)

CITY BUDGET

- ★ FY2016 = \$2.119 billion
- ★ Sources of funds= Taxes, fees, other
 - Property tax=47.87 cents/\$100 of property
- ★ Where each dollar goes
 - 25 cents - Public transportation (CATS, light rail, etc.)
 - 21 cents - Airport
 - 17 cents – Public Safety (Police, fire, etc.)
 - 14 cents – Water and sewer
 - 11 cents - Public works
 - 4 cents – Housing, Economic Development
 - 4 cents - City operations
 - 4 cents – Storm water

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*Source: Mecklenburg County
FY15-16 Tax Brochure*

GET INVOLVED

- ★ Contact officials, follow issues
 - Social media: search Twitter hashtag #cltcc
- ★ Join Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council
 - GenerationNation www.generationnation.org
- ★ City Council Meetings
 - Monday evenings at the Government Center
 - Who can attend? Anyone!
 - Sign up to speak or watch the meeting online
<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/CityCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>