

About Us

Charlotte has a Council-Manager form of government with a Mayor and 11 Council Members elected every two years in November, and a professional City Manager to handle day-to-day operations. The Mayor and four Council Members are elected at-large in a city-wide vote. Seven Council Members are elected from districts by voters who reside in each district.

Mayor

The Mayor presides at all City Council meetings and officially represents the City at ceremonies and events. The [Mayor](#) is generally responsible for the execution of local government. It is the Mayor's role to represent the City in an official capacity at the state capital in Raleigh, in Washington and internationally.

Part of the Mayor's duties include his involvement in national organizations that work on issues that are important to both Charlotte and the Nation.

Mayor Pro Tem

The Mayor Pro Tem is elected by a vote of the City Council members. He or she assumes the duties, powers and obligations of the Office of Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

City Council

While **At-Large Representatives** are elected by all the registered voters in the City, **District Representatives** are elected only by registered voters within a specific district. All of the City Council members work together to provide policy decisions that benefit the community as a whole and provide quality service to all of Charlotte's districts.

The District Representatives frequently meet with the residents of their communities by attending public functions and community meetings.

Duties of Mayor and City Council

Together the Mayor and City Council Members are responsible for establishing the policies under which the City operates. These include:

- **Appointing** the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and members of various commissions and Commissions enacting ordinances, resolutions and orders
- **Reviewing** the annual budget, setting the tax rate and approving the financing operations
- **Authorizing** contracts on behalf of the City