



Overview of Local Government

Form of Government: Council/Manager Form of Government

- City Council comprised of Mayor and six Council Members
- Responsibility: setting policy for the City (e.g. zoning, regulations and budget)
- Elected for 4-year, staggered terms
- Elected at large
- Mayor serves as ceremonial head of government and sets Council's agendas but does not have veto power.

City Council has the power to:

- Adopt Policy
- Budget Tax Rate
- Issue Debt
- Appoint City Manager, Attorney and Clerk
- Annual Salaries:

	Base Pay	Exp. Allowance	Total
Mayor	\$21,795.00	\$6,195.02	\$27,990.02
Vice Mayor	\$18,088.00	\$4,475.12	\$22,563.12
Council	\$16,013.00	\$4,475.12	\$20,488.12

Council Appointed Staff Key Roles and Responsibilities:

City Manager

- Hire and supervise directors
- Day-to-day operation of the City
- Prepares issues/policies that will be presented to City Council for action
- Recommend annual budget to City Council

City Clerk

- Prepare and distribute City Council Agendas and Action Agendas along with their associated backup material.
- Serve as the custodian of all official city records
- Provide support for City Council's boards and commissions.
- Attend all City Council meetings and provides for meeting minutes.

City Attorney

- Advise and represent the City of Asheville in all settings where legal advice and representation are needed or requested.
- Provide advice to City Council, the city manager, city departments, and boards and commissions.
- Assist in the development and presentation of legislative programs.
- Initiate or defend legal action as necessary in support of city goals and objectives.
- Provide or arrange for effective legal representation for all lawsuits.