



City of Wilmington – Local Government

Wilmington is governed by a Council-Manager form of government - City Council sets the policy and direction; the City Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization. Wilmington is located inside New Hanover County, which also has its own form of government.

The Mayor serves a two year term and councilmembers serve staggered four year terms. City Council generally meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in City Hall.

The City is organized into 11 departments and employs about 1,000 employees. The City maintains approximately 410 miles of road, 440 miles of sidewalk, 775 acres of parks and athletic facilities, 200 acres of landscape/greenways, and 215 traffic signals.

The core functions of the city include [police](#), [fire](#), [zoning](#), [code enforcement](#), [streets](#), and [solid waste collection](#).

Writing prompt:

You're applying for a job with the City of Wilmington, which of the core functions do you want to work with and why? What ideas do you have to make the City a better place to live and visit?