

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Wilmington is the eighth largest city in North Carolina, and is located in New Hanover County. Wilmington is a coastal town and port city situated in southeastern North Carolina and is considered approximately the midpoint of the eastern seaboard of the United States. The city is bordered by the Cape Fear River to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

While having a diverse population of over 120,000, the city is an active business, service, and industrial center for the surrounding five-county area with a population of more than 484,000 people area-wide.

Wilmington is one of the most beautiful cities in the south. It boasts one of the state's largest historic districts as well as a top-ranked university, along with high-tech startups. With a beautiful riverfront, nearby beaches, and a two-hour drive to the City Capital of Raleigh, Wilmington's location offers plenty of professional, educational, and recreational opportunities.



CULTURE

The most popular attractions in the region, as listed by the Greater Wilmington Business Journal 2022 Book On Business, tell a story of the community's values around the natural environment, history, and the arts. Topping the list of most popular attractions are Carolina Beach State Park, Fort Fisher State Recreation Area, Fort Fisher State Historic Site, NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher, the Battleship North Carolina, Live Oak Bank Pavilion at Riverfront Park, Airlie Gardens, Cameron Art Museum, New Hanover County Arboretum, and Wilson Center for the Performing Arts. Due to its varied geography, eclectic architecture, and rich history, Wilmington is known as one of the premier filming locations in the country. The city is also known for its special events and festivals that draw thousands of attendees, such as the Azalea Festival, several art and culinary events, and a host of concerts held throughout the year.

RECREATION

Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll with a friend, or opportunities to stay active with the whole family, the City of Wilmington has something to offer. The city maintains over 744 acres of parks, a nature center, cultural center, recreation centers, athletic fields, and more than 32 miles of greenway systems and multi-use paths for you to enjoy. The Cape Fear River, Intracoastal Waterway, creeks, lakes, and ponds provide access for canoeing and kayaking, as well as fresh and saltwater fishing, including from the Riverwalk where permitted. Wilmington earned the title of "Best American Riverfront" in USA TODAY's "10 Best" contest for the Nation's Best Riverwalk in 2014.



MEET THE WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL

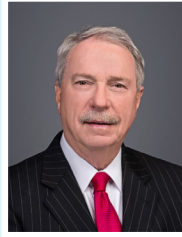
The City of Wilmington is governed by a non-partisan City Council consisting of a Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and five Councilmembers elected by the entire city. In addition to meeting twice every month (typically the 1st and 3rd Tuesday), Councilmembers also serve on several boards and committees and represent the city at numerous community functions.



Mayor
Bill Saffo



Mayor Pro-Tem
Clifford Barnett



Councilmember
Charlie Rivenbark



Councilmember
Kevin Spears



Councilmember
Luke Waddell



Councilmember
David Joyner



Councilmember
Salette Andrews

FORM OF GOVERNMENT







The City has a Council-Manager form of government. Council is comprised of the Mayor and six Councilmembers. The Mayor is elected at large every two years and the Councilmembers are elected at large every four years with staggered terms. Council is the legislative body of city government with the Mayor as a voting member and the presiding officer. City Council appoints the City Manager who carries out the policy decisions of Council through city staff, the City Attorney who gives legal advice to the city and the City Clerk who maintains official records for the city.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

The City of Wilmington is proud of its 1,000+ diverse employees who serve the community through professional, administrative, public safety, technical, clerical, skilled labor, and trades work. Departments are responsible for providing services such as police and fire protection, parks and recreation, trash and recycling collection, stormwater, road construction and maintenance, parking, and planning, zoning & neighborhood development. In addition, the city works with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit), a component unit, providing bus transit services within the city.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- Total Budget (FY23-24):** \$351.2M
- Property Tax Rate (FY23-24):** \$0.3950 cents per \$100 assessed valuation
- Population per sq. mi. (2020):** 2,245.9
- Land area (2010):** 51.41 sq. mi.
- Police Protection:**
CALEA Accredited
Sworn Officers: 273
Calls for Service (2022): 149,922
Stations: 2
- Fire Protection:**
ISO rating: 1
Uniformed Fire Fighters: 222
Fire responses (2022): 12,277
Stations: 9
- Trash & Recycling Collection:**
Customers serviced: 29,959
Refuse tons collected: 25,576
Bulky trash tons collected 2,262
Yard waste tons collected 7,553
Recycling tons collected: 6,741
- Street System:**
Miles of soil, stone or gravel surface street: 7.5
Miles of hard surface street: 394
Miles of Local Municipal Streets with an average width of less than sixteen (16) feet: 13.79
- Parks and Recreation:**
Parks: 48 sites (717 acres)
Athletic complexes: 17 (551 acres)
Trails (Multi-Use Paths): 36 linear miles

