

CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Suffolk is organized under the Council-Manager form of government as defined under the Code of Virginia. The governing body of the City is the City Council which establishes policies, sets goals and priorities, and interprets and represents the needs of the community to ensure the economic, social, educational, and physical quality of the City. The City Council consists of eight members: the Mayor elected at large and one member from each of the seven voting boroughs who are elected for four year terms by the voters of the borough in which the member resides. The City Council appoints a City Manager to act as the administrative head of the City. The City Manager directs the general operation of the city government in order to meet the needs of its constituents in accordance with the policies established by the City Council. The City Manager establishes service priorities and advises City Council members about the financial requirements needed to provide services to the community. Each fiscal year, the City Manager prepares and submits a proposed budget to the City Council, which is consistent with the identified goals and priorities of the City. The City Manager also interacts with various elements of the community, including members of the legislative delegation, the business community, civic organizations, and other government bodies.

