

# BOISE CITY – CITY ORGANIZATION

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## Form of Government

Boise City uses a strong Mayor organization. The Mayor is the chief administrative officer of the City and participates with a six member City Council in developing policy. The Council is organized into five (5) policy groups typically comprised of two Council members each.

The Mayor's Chief of Staff, department heads and other staff comprise the Executive Management Team that recommends priorities to the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor's Budget Team provides recommendations related to interim budget decisions.

The organization is structured to reduce levels of management to facilitate decision-making and enhance cost efficiency. The City encourages partnerships and other cooperative ventures with other governments, with non-profit organizations and with community groups to extend the impact of City resources.

## Internal Policy Groups during 2003 (FY 2004 and FY 2005 2YB Development Process):

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Administration:	Jerome Mapp	Vern Bisterfeldt
Community Service:	Paula Forney	Alan Shealy
Growth Management:	Maryanne Jordan	Jon Mason
Public Safety:	Vernon Bisterfeldt	Paula Forney
Transportation:	Jerome Mapp	Jon Mason

## Other Local Governments:

There are 14 taxing entities operating within Boise's boundaries for a combination of 80 different tax code areas. Streets in Boise are not a city function; but are maintained by the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) a separate countywide entity. Utilities provided by private companies with franchise agreements (i.e. electric, gas, water, cable). Solid waste collection services are provided through a contract with a private firm. Emergency medical service (i.e. paramedics) are provided by the ADA County Paramedics. Cooperative agreements have been established with rural fire districts to provide speedy and professional fire services throughout Boise's area of impact. A cooperative agreement is in place with libraries throughout the region to offer resident services to any cardholders within the interlibrary loan consortium. An agreement is in place to share funding with the Ada Community Library to facilitate transition from district to City library services in the Southeast.

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## Volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions

The City receives a tremendous benefit from the volunteers who serve on advisory bodies that assist departments and agencies to plan and evaluate services and facilities. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, appoints members to a variety of boards, commissioners and committees to provide citizen input and policy direction to the departments. These bodies assist extensively in policy development, budget development, and in evaluation of accomplishments.

Aviation and Public Transportation	Airport Commission, Mayor's Transit Advisory Committee, ValleyRide Board
Customer and Support Services	Civil Service Commission, Mayor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities, Downtown Business Association (DBA)
Fire	Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals
Library	Library Board of Trustees
Mayor's Office	Industrial Development Corp., Board of Boise City Arts Commission
Parks and Recreation	Board of Park & Recreation Commissioners, Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee,
Planning and Development Services	Electrical Board of Appeals, Building Code Committee/Board of Examiners & Appeals, Plumbing, Heating & Mechanical Board of Appeals, Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC), Design Review Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Planning Association (COMPASS), Community House Board of Trustees
Public Works	Public Works Commission, Irrigation Committee

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**Administrative Organization:** The Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, appoints all department heads, (except the Library Director who is appointed by and reports to the Library Board). Bus services, senior center services, animal control services, and Municipal Court services are managed by contracting entities.