

CITY OF OREGON CITY

Government

The City Commission of Oregon City consists of the Mayor and four Commissioners elected from the City at-large for terms of four years each. The four Commissioner positions are numbered as Position No. 1, Position No. 2, Position No. 3, and Position No. 4. The election of City Commissioners is non-partisan and is held in even-numbered years. For example, in 2016 Commissioner Position Nos. 2 and 3 were elected; in 2014 the Mayor and Commissioner Position Nos. 1 and 4 were elected. No person may be elected to the office of Commissioner for more than two terms of four years in any ten-year period.

The City Commission elects a Commission President at its first meeting in January each year. The Commission President performs the duties of Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. In the absence of the Mayor or the inability of the Mayor to act, the President of the Commission shall have and exercise the power to perform all duties of the Mayor.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The City of Oregon City operates through a Commission/Manager form of government consisting of an elected Mayor and City Commissioners who appoint a City Manager to manage City operations. The City Commission also appoints a Municipal Judge. The City Manager oversees the operations of seven departments. These departments are:

- Finance
- Public Safety and Police
- Public Works
- Community Development
- Community Services
- Human Resources
- Library
- Administration

The City Commission is the City's legislative and policy-making body. As a whole, the City Commission is responsible for passing ordinances and resolutions necessary for governing the City, in addition to setting the direction of City policy. The City Manager is responsible for the overall administration of the City and works with the City Commission and citizens to plan for the future of the City. The City Manager assists the City Commission in defining and implementing the City's vision by setting goals and establishing objectives to reach these goals. The City Manager also assists in matters of policy research, identifying areas requiring legislative policy decisions, and preparing recommendations on alternative courses of action.

The employment relationship between the City Commission and the City Manager honors the fact that the City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Oregon City. The City Commission should avoid situations that may result in Oregon City staff being directed, intentionally or unintentionally, by one or more members of the City Commission. All dealings with the City Manager, whether in public or private, should respect the authority of the City Manager in administrative matters.