

City of Minneapolis Office Responsibilities

Mayor

The Mayor ensures that laws and ordinances are enforced within the city, and that officers of the city discharge their respective duties. Official duties include: appoint representatives to a variety of agencies and commissions, nominate department head candidates, preside over Executive Committee meetings, propose policy direction in the annual State of the City address, and propose annual operating and capital budgets. The Mayor also reviews and approves or vetoes all Council and Park Board actions.

Customary Duties include: act as an ombudsman by attending to the individual needs of citizens for information, assistance or referral and improve the access of citizens to the decision-making process; ceremonial leadership through participation in a wide range of community and civic activities; develop and maintain communication with a network of public and private individuals, agencies and interest groups; and recommend local, state or national legislation. The 2016 annual rate of pay for Mayor was \$113,685 plus benefits. For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/mayor

Council Members

The City Council governs Minneapolis through its legislative, administrative, and financial power over many City functions. The Council levies taxes, enacts ordinances and resolutions, licenses businesses, and exercises budgetary and policy control over City departments. Council Members represent the interests of their constituents, and meet regularly with constituents to discuss city programs, services and developments affecting the ward that they represent and the City as a whole. The Council functions with committees. Departments report to the Council through an assigned committee. Committee recommendations are forwarded to the full Council for its consideration. Council actions then go to the Mayor for approval or veto. The 2016 annual rate of pay for Council Members was \$86,532 plus benefits. For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/council

Board of Estimate and Taxation Members

The Board of Estimate & Taxation holds public hearings to obtain citizen input relating to setting the maximum tax levies for certain tax funds in the City. The Board reviews selected City department budgets, and after receiving recommendations from the Mayor and City Council, set the maximum tax levies for a variety of City funds. The Board is responsible for the issuance of the City's General Obligations Bonds (excluding the Tax Increment Bonds). The Board consists of the Mayor or designee, the City Council President, the chair of the Ways and Means/Budget Committee, a commissioner of the Park and Recreation Board and two members elected at-large for four year terms. Two at-large positions will be on the ballot. Board meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The rate of pay is \$35 per Board meeting. For more information: www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/general/boards-and-commissions_estimate-taxation and www.minneapolismn.gov/bet/bet_index.

Park and Recreation Board Commissioners

The mission of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is to permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve, and enhance its natural resources, parkland, and recreational opportunities for current and future generations. Park Board Commissioners are responsible for developing park policies and enacting ordinances governing the use of park land. Every four years, nine commissioners are elected to this Board – one from each of the six park districts within the city and three that serve at-large. Board meetings are typically held the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Eight commissioners each receive \$12,438.40 plus benefits annually.

One commissioner, elected by the board as its President, receives \$13,852.80 plus benefits annually.

For more information: www.minneapolisparcs.org