



**GASTONIA CITY COUNCIL  
JOB DESCRIPTION  
2024**

A City Council member serves as part of the City Council, which is the legislative body of the City of Gastonia. By majority vote, City Council adopts ordinances and regulations that apply within the City limits, and sets the general policies of the City of Gastonia to be carried out by City staff.

Major expenditures, building projects and controversial re-zonings must all be voted on by City Council. Council must approve the annual budget and set the municipal tax rate each year. City Council also establishes the utility rates for water, sewer, electricity, garbage collection, and stormwater for Gastonia utility customers.

Council appoints the City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and all the members of the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Historic District Commission, Gastonia ABC Board, Gastonia Recreation Advisory Committee, Stormwater Advisory Board and many other municipal boards and committees.

Gastonia Council members must live in the Ward I they represent. The Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Committees of Council meet on a regular basis as scheduled by the respective Chairperson, and there are numerous other meetings and events which require the presence of City Council members. The time commitment involved in representing the citizens of Gastonia is not to be undertaken lightly. The current City Council salary is \$21,021.96.