

# Welcome, **Residents**

A Gentle Introduction to Local Government  
to the Bloomington Residents' Academy Class of 2024

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**“Please, please stop referring to yourselves as ‘consumers.’ Okay?  
Consumers are different than citizens.  
Consumers do not have obligations, responsibilities  
and duties to their fellow human beings.”**

# A Helpful Chart to Explain the Structure of INDIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT



	<b>EXECUTIVE</b> The executive carries out laws (a.k.a., "the administration")	<b>LEGISLATIVE</b> The legislative body writes the laws	<b>WHO... makes the budget?</b>	<b>WHO... approves the budget?</b>	<b>WHO... appoints the cabinet?</b>
<b>Federal</b>	President	Congress <small>X535</small>	Congress	President	President
<b>Indiana</b>	Governor	General Assembly <small>X150</small>	General Assembly	Governor	Governor
<b>Cities</b>	Mayor	City Council <small>X9</small>	Mayor	City Council	Mayor
<b>Counties</b>	County Commissioners <small>X3</small>	County Commissioners <small>X3</small>	County Council	County Council	most offices separately elected Clerk Auditor Assessor Recorder Treasurer Surveyor Sheriff Prosecutor Judges Coroner
<b>Townships</b>	Trustee	Township Board <small>X3</small>	~\(\ツ)\_/~	~\(\ツ)\_/~	~\(^°_o)\_/~

# A Helpful Chart to Explain the Structure of BLOOMINGTON CITY GOVERNMENT



**EXECUTIVE**  
The executive carries out laws (a.k.a., "the administration")

**WHO... appoints the cabinet?**

- Office of the Mayor
- Common Council
- City Clerk
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Information Technology Services
- Police
- Fire
- Public Works
- Planning
- Housing & Neighborhood Dev't
- Community & Family Resources
- Parks & Recreation
- Bloomington Transit
- City of Bloomington Utilities

Cities

Mayor

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# A Helpful Chart to Explain the Structure of BLOOMINGTON CITY GOVERNMENT



**Office of the Mayor**

**Common Council**

**City Clerk**

Human Resources

Legal

Information Technology Services

Police

Fire

Public Works

Planning

Housing & Neighborhood Dev't

Community & Family Resources

Parks & Recreation

Bloomington Transit

City of Bloomington Utilities

## **ELECTED**

Office of the Mayor

Common Council

City Clerk

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Office of the Mayor

Common Council

City Clerk

**Human Resources**

**Legal**

**Information Technology Services**

Police

Fire

Public Works

Planning

Housing & Neighborhood Dev't

Community & Family Resources

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## **(INTERNAL SERVICES)**

Human Resources

Legal

Information Technology

Services

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Office of the Mayor  
Common Council  
City Clerk  
Human Resources  
Legal  
Information Technology Services  
**Police**  
**Fire**  
**Public Works**  
Planning  
Housing & Neighborhood Dev't  
Community & Family Resources  
Parks & Recreation  
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police

Fire

Public Works (Div. of  
Animal Control)

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Office of the Mayor  
Common Council  
City Clerk  
Human Resources  
Legal  
Information Technology Services  
Police  
Fire  
**Public Works**  
Planning  
Housing & Neighborhood Dev't  
Community & Family Resources  
Parks & Recreation  
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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works (all other  
divisions)



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Office of the Mayor  
Common Council  
City Clerk  
Human Resources  
Legal  
Information Technology Services  
Police  
Fire  
Public Works  
**Planning**  
**Housing & Neighborhood Dev't**  
**Community & Family Resources**  
**Parks & Recreation**  
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## **(URBAN SERVICES)**

Planning

Housing & Neighborhood  
Development

Community & Family  
Resources

Parks & Recreation

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Office of the Mayor  
Common Council  
City Clerk  
Human Resources  
Legal  
Information Technology Services

## **PUBLIC CORPORATIONS**

Bloomington Transit

City of Bloomington  
Utilities

Police  
Fire  
Public Works  
Planning  
Housing & Neighborhood Dev't  
Community & Family Resources  
Parks & Recreation  
**Bloomington Transit**  
**City of Bloomington Utilities**

Thank **You**

And Good **Luck**

And Pay **Attention**

And Ask Good **Questions**

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- **Explainer podcast about local government**

- Interviews with:
  - Elected officials
  - Appointed officials
  - Board and commissi:
  - Leaders of nonprofit
  - And then some
- About 35 minutes
- New episodes every Monday-Wednesday-Friday



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Local Public Affairs Interviews each Weekday

with host, former five-term City Councilmember,

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