

About the City Council



The City of Holland has a City Council/City Manager form of government. As its governing body, Holland's City Council is comprised of eight elected members. Six members serve specific wards, and two serve at-large rather than by ward. Each council member serves four-year, staggered terms -- with wards 2, 4, 6, and one at-large councilperson elected one year and wards 1,3,5, and the other at-large councilperson elected two years later. Voters also elect the mayor, who serves a two-year term. Municipal elections are consolidated with the general election and held every two years in November of odd-numbered years. Council terms overlap with four members elected each election. Information about each of the current members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, can be found by clicking on the links to the right.

The City Council's primary responsibility is to make decisions regarding the present and future of the City of Holland. The matters handled by the City Council include approving of specific building projects, deciding on claims against the City, and making changes to ordinance codes. One of the most important task each year for Council is approving the annual city budget.

The City Council and the Mayor appoint the [City Manager](#). The City Manager is responsible for all management functions of the City, including preparation of the budget, delivery of services, hiring of personnel, and implementation of capital projects. The City Manager reports to City Council with issues and decisions needing attention, which are brought to him by city staff. Council studies the pertinent information, discusses the matter at hand, and then votes.

The City Council also selects the City Attorney who serves as the primary legal advisor for the City.

A **Ward and Precinct Map** is available under documents to find out how the city is divided into the six wards and multiple precincts.

Supporting Documents

 [2011 Rules of Council](#)

Web Links

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