

## **CITY OF CHESAPEAKE ORGANIZATION**

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The City of Chesapeake derives its governing authority from a Charter granted by the Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City is organized under a Council-Manager form of government in which the citizens elect the Council and the Council appoints the City Manager. Council also appoints the City Attorney, City Clerk, Real Estate Assessor, Planning Commission Members, and members of other boards and commissions. The Sheriff, Treasurer, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, School Board, and Commissioner of Revenue are elected by the citizens. The City department heads are appointed by the City Manager.

The City provides a full range of general governmental services for its citizens. These services include police and fire protection, collection and disposal of refuse, water and sewer services, parks and recreation, libraries, and construction and maintenance of highways, streets, and infrastructure. Other services provided include public education in grades kindergarten through twelfth, public health and social services, planning and zoning, mental health assistance, agricultural services, judicial activities, and general administrative services.

The City wide organizational chart on the following page lists each City department or agency and its relationship to the City Council, City Manager, and the Citizens.