



# A Comparison of City, County, and State Services

	City of Raleigh raleighnc.gov	Wake County wake.gov	State of North Carolina nc.gov
GOVERNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A municipal corporation</li> <li>• Oversees the operation and functions of the city</li> <li>• Implements policies set by the state</li> <li>• Can set policies and rules in compliance with state laws and the constitution</li> <li>• Provides specific services within city limits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subdivision of a state</li> <li>• Enforces state laws at the local level</li> <li>• Created by the state and typically operate under provisions in the state constitution.</li> <li>• Larger geographical area than cities and towns, smaller than states</li> <li>• Includes one or more cities</li> <li>• Provides services that state and city don't</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The four characteristics of a state in the United States are territory, population, government, and sovereignty</li> <li>• Makes state-wide policy decisions</li> <li>• Needs local government to carry out policies</li> </ul>
FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property and business taxes</li> <li>• Sales taxes (portion)</li> <li>• User fees from trash, water, parks, etc.</li> <li>• Federal and State grants</li> <li>• Licenses, permits, and user fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property taxes</li> <li>• Sales taxes (portion)</li> <li>• Federal and state grants</li> <li>• Licenses, permits, and user fees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and business taxes</li> <li>• Sales taxes (portion)</li> <li>• Licenses and user fees</li> <li>• Federal government</li> <li>• Lottery receipts</li> </ul>
SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raleigh Police Department</li> <li>• Raleigh Fire Department</li> <li>• 911 Call Center</li> <li>• Go Raleigh, bike lanes, parking services, traffic engineering</li> <li>• Greenways, parks, recreational programs, arts</li> <li>• Entertainment Venues: Convention Center, Martin Marietta Performing Arts Center, Red Hat Amphitheater, Coastal Credit Union Music Park</li> <li>• Special events</li> <li>• Permits, inspections, development plan reviews</li> <li>• Zoning and enforcement of real estate law</li> <li>• Historic preservations</li> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Street maintenance, engineering design</li> <li>• Water, sewer, stormwater, streetlights</li> <li>• Residential and business garbage, recycling and yard waste curbside pick up</li> <li>• Seasonal leaf collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public schools and libraries</li> <li>• Sheriff's Office</li> <li>• Court buildings and jails</li> <li>• Fire Marshal's Office</li> <li>• Emergency Management</li> <li>• Healthcare and Human Services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Public Health and Medical Services</li> <li>» Children and Family Services</li> <li>» Employment Assistance</li> <li>» Food and Medical Assistance</li> <li>» Transportation Services</li> <li>» Housing Services</li> <li>» Veterans Resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>• Tax collection and assessment</li> <li>• Hold and manage elections</li> <li>• Elections and voter registration</li> <li>• Deeds, birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, property records, adoption</li> <li>• Certain road construction and maintenance</li> <li>• County parks and recreation</li> <li>• Permits and Inspections (building, well and septic, gun, business, fire service, health and safety)</li> <li>• Animal control and pet adoption</li> <li>• Garbage and recycling drop-off, landfill (no curbside pick-up)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC courts, criminal records, victim services</li> <li>• Personal, Home and Roadway Safety, Emergency Management, NC National Guard, Adult Correction, Juvenile Justice</li> <li>• Health and Human Services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Children's Services</li> <li>» Low Income Programs and Services</li> <li>» Special Needs and Accessible Living</li> <li>» Aging and Adult Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Taxes (personal, property, business)</li> <li>• Unemployment Insurance Tax</li> <li>• Voter registration</li> <li>• Vital and public records</li> <li>• Driver's license and ID, vehicle title and registration</li> <li>• NC Train, Ferry Service</li> <li>• Recreation and state parks</li> </ul>

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