



A Comparison of City, County, and State Services

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GOVERNMENT	• A municipal corporation • Oversees the operation and functions of the city • Implements policies set by the state • Can set policies and rules in compliance with state laws and the constitution • Provides specific services within city limits	• Subdivision of a state • Enforces state laws at the local level • Created by the state and typically operate under provisions in the state constitution. • Larger geographical area than cities and towns, smaller than states • Includes one or more cities • Provides services that state and city don't	• The four characteristics of a state in the United States are territory, population, government, and sovereignty • Makes state-wide policy decisions • Needs local government to carry out policies
FUNDING	• Property and business taxes • Sales taxes (portion) • User fees from trash, water, parks, etc. • Federal and State grants • Licenses, permits, and user fees	• Property taxes • Sales taxes (portion) • Federal and state grants • Licenses, permits, and user fees	• Income and business taxes • Sales taxes (portion) • Licenses and user fees • Federal government • Lottery receipts
SERVICES	• Raleigh Police Department • Raleigh Fire Department • 911 Call Center • Go Raleigh, bike lanes, parking services, traffic engineering • Greenways, parks, recreational programs, arts • Entertainment Venues: Convention Center, Martin Marietta Performing Arts Center, Red Hat Amphitheater, Coastal Credit Union Music Park • Special events • Permits, inspections, development plan reviews • Zoning and enforcement of real estate law • Historic preservations • Affordable housing • Street maintenance, engineering design • Water, sewer, stormwater, streetlights • Residential and business garbage, recycling and yard waste curbside pick up • Seasonal leaf collection	• Public schools and libraries • Sheriff's Office • Court buildings and jails • Fire Marshal's Office • Emergency Management • Healthcare and Human Services » Public Health and Medical Services » Children and Family Services » Employment Assistance » Food and Medical Assistance » Transportation Services » Housing Services » Veterans Resources • Emergency Medical Services • Tax collection and assessment • Hold and manage elections • Elections and voter registration • Deeds, birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, property records, adoption • Certain road construction and maintenance • County parks and recreation • Permits and Inspections (building, well and septic, gun, business, fire service, health and safety) • Animal control and pet adoption • Garbage and recycling drop-off, landfill (no curbside pick-up)	• NC courts, criminal records, victim services • Personal, Home and Roadway Safety, Emergency Management, NC National Guard, Adult Correction, Juvenile Justice • Health and Human Services » Children's Services » Low Income Programs and Services » Special Needs and Accessible Living » Aging and Adult Services • Taxes (personal, property, business) • Unemployment Insurance Tax • Voter registration • Vital and public records • Driver's license and ID, vehicle title and registration • NC Train, Ferry Service • Recreation and state parks

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