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CITY OF WEST JORDAN

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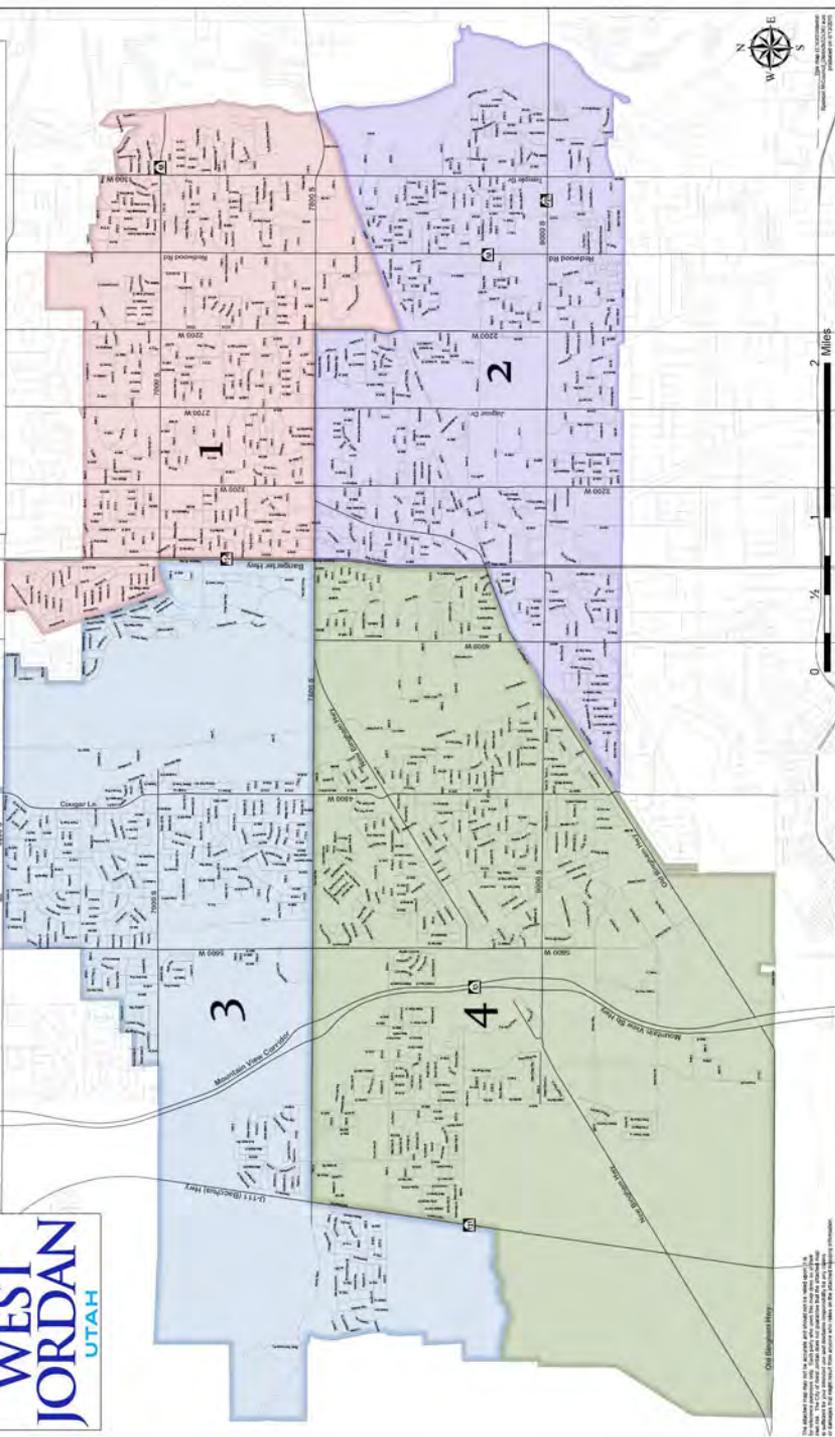
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# Council Districts



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## THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

### **What is the council-manager form of government?**

The council-manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong *political leadership* of elected officials in the form of a council and the strong *managerial experience* of an appointed local government manager. The form establishes a representative system where all power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

### **Is it a responsive form of government?**

In council-manager government, *Council Members* are the leaders and policy makers elected to represent various segments of the community and to concentrate on policy issues that are responsive to citizens' needs and wishes. The *manager* is appointed by the council to carry out policy and ensure that the entire community is being served.

### **What is the council's function?**

The council is the legislative body – its members are the community's decision makers. Power is centralized in the elected council, which approves the budget and determines the tax rate, for example. The council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning. The council hires a professional manager to carry out the administrative responsibilities and supervises the manager's performance.

### **What is the manager's function?**

The manager is hired to serve the council and the community and to bring to the local government the benefits of training and experience in administering projects and programs. The manager prepares a budget for the council's consideration; recruits, hires and supervises the city's staff; serves as the council's chief adviser; and carries out the council's policies. Council Members and citizens count on the manager to provide information, evaluation of alternatives, and projections of long-term consequences. The manager makes policy recommendations to the council, but the council may or may not adopt them and may modify them. The manager is bound by whatever action the council takes.

### **Where does the mayor fit in?**

Mayors in council-manager governments are key political leaders and policy developers. For the council, the mayor is responsible for soliciting citizen views in forming policies and then interpreting them to the public. The mayor presides at council meetings, serves as a spokesperson for the community, facilitates communication and understanding between elected and appointed officials, assists the council in setting goals and advocating policy decisions, and serves as a promoter and defender of the community. In addition, the mayor serves as a key representative in intergovernmental relations. The mayor, council, and manager constitute a policy-development and management team.

## CITY BUDGET

The City of West Jordan follows a fiscal year budget, which runs from July 1 through June 30 of each year. The City gets revenue from different sources with sales taxes representing the largest source followed by property taxes. Property taxes are also shared with other entities including the school district, Salt Lake County and other special districts.

By law the City is required to keep 5-18% of the total general fund budget in reserves (similar to a savings account). These reserve funds can be used at the discretion of the City Council for the needs of the city. The information below represents the General Fund, where the majority of city expenditures are found, including general administration, financial services, community development, police and fire departments. The total budget is found online at [WJordan.com](http://WJordan.com).

### GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

	ACTUAL FY 13-14	ADJUSTED BUDGET FY 14-15	YEAR-END ESTIMATE FY 14-15	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 15-16
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	20,037,949	19,036,940	19,036,940	17,193,948
REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES				
TAXES	37,007,362	35,749,395	36,907,045	36,427,982
LICENSES & PERMITS	1,854,588	1,705,650	1,661,744	1,708,400
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	4,696,272	4,115,947	3,497,365	4,535,781
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	3,311,886	3,079,556	3,353,031	3,210,022
INTERFUND CHARGES	3,741,626	4,118,315	4,118,315	4,276,552
FINES & FORFEITURES	1,477,765	1,500,000	1,470,763	1,500,000
MISCELLANEOUS	464,380	956,742	1,247,949	511,634
EVENTS	144,180	221,000	117,094	233,445
TRANSFERS IN	0	224,989	0	0
CONTRIBUTIONS (USE OF RESERVES)	0	11,407,365	0	5,068,062
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>52,698,059</b>	<b>63,078,959</b>	<b>52,373,306</b>	<b>57,471,878</b>
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES				
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER	2,615,462	2,862,909	2,603,607	3,437,811
COURTS	745,217	784,920	701,691	797,293
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	11,479,373	10,289,164	8,930,929	7,577,350
CITY ATTORNEY	1,429,002	1,836,442	1,575,629	1,972,214
PUBLIC WORKS	8,914,507	14,642,810	7,869,993	9,348,947
PARKS	2,902,649	3,743,016	2,973,330	3,709,189
DEVELOPMENT	1,350,066	1,558,549	1,455,627	1,656,561
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	73,351	283,409	260,107	255,418
POLICE	14,538,254	16,891,163	15,852,586	17,548,244
FIRE	9,651,187	10,186,577	9,463,799	10,737,420
ADDITION TO RESERVES	0	0	0	431,431
**PROJECTION ADJ. / PROG. SAVINGS**			2,529,000	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER USES</b>	<b>53,699,068</b>	<b>63,078,959</b>	<b>54,216,298</b>	<b>57,471,878</b>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	19,036,940	7,629,575	17,193,948	12,557,317

NOTE: BEGINNING FUND BALANCE FIGURES FOR FY 15-16 ARE ESTIMATES ONLY

**CITY OF WEST JORDAN**

Mayor Kim V. Rolfe  
Council Member Jeff Haaga  
Council Member Judy Hansen  
Council Member Christopher M. McConnehey  
Council Member Chad Nichols  
Council Member Sophie Rice  
Council Member Ben Southworth

**DEPUTY CITY MANAGER**

**Mark R. Palesh  
CITY MANAGER**

**JUSTICE COURT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Community Affairs  
Facilities  
Fleet  
Information Technology  
Human Resources

**David Oka  
DEVELOPMENT**

Building & Safety  
Business Recruitment  
Business Retention  
Development Review  
Economic Development  
Redevelopment Review  
Zoning

**Melanie Briggs  
CITY CLERK**

Agenda Management  
Records Management  
Elections  
Manager/Council Support

**Darien Alcom  
ACTING  
CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney  
Code Enforcement  
Litigation  
Property  
Prosecution  
Risk Management  
Victim Assistance

**Marc McElreath  
FIRE**

Emergency Operations  
Operations & Medical  
Prevention  
Community Preparedness

**Brian Clegg  
PARKS**

Parks, Trails & City Property  
Landscaping  
Natural Spaces Maintenance  
Cemetaries  
Parks Snow Removal  
Public Fields  
Public Events

**Doug Diamond  
POLICE**

Animal Control  
Crossing Guards  
Investigations  
Patrol  
Problem Oriented Policing

**Wendell Rigby  
PUBLIC WORKS**

Capital Projects  
Development Review  
Engineering  
GIS  
Resource Management  
Solid Waste  
Streets  
Water O&M  
Wastewater O&M



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COURT JUDGE  
Judge Ron Kunz  
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## **CITY OF WEST JORDAN VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONS - BOARDS - COMMITTEES**

*If you are interested in serving on any of these committees call Heather Everett at 801-569-5100.*

### Planning & Zoning Commission

This commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding annexations and zone changes, commercial development plans, subdivision plans, and various other development and planning activities.

### Board of Adjustment

This board is responsible for considering whether or not 'variances' to the zoning ordinance should be granted because hardship conditions exist.

### Arts Council

The West Jordan Arts Council provides programs and activities, which encourage the promotion of art and cultural events and activities in the community. (Includes: Theater Arts, Youth Theatre, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, West Jordan Symphony, Mountain West Chorale and City Band.)

### Design Review Committee

The duties include review and recommendations related to site design standards of a Site Plan, Development Plan and/or installation alternative architectural materials for design-related development requirements. The committee shall insure that the proposed development meets the minimum development standards. They will provide modifications to site design criteria, architectural standards and landscape requirements. They will also review and recommend modifications to the existing site design or architectural and signage for projects located within a Planned Development Zone, City Center Zone, West Side Planning Area and/or Transit Station Overlay District.

### Healthy West Jordan Committee

This committee implements goals to ensure West Jordan is a city in which each resident can live a healthy, productive life in a clean and safe environment.

### Historical Preservation Commission

The duties of this commission are as follows:

- Survey and inventory community historic resources
- Review proposed nominations to the National Register of Historic Places
- Provide advice and information
- Maintain and rehabilitate places of historical significance
- Apply for financial aid and grants
- Enforce state historic preservation laws
- Compile and update West Jordan Historic Sites List

### Parks and Open Land Committee

This committee serves as an advisory board on matters relating to the parks and recreation master plan, the parks and open spaces, capital improvements plan, and the use of any parks impact fee. Each year the committee shall identify and recommend priorities for programs, park and open space property acquisition, and park development projects for inclusion in the budget. The committee will comment on proposed neighborhood and community park plans and park master plans to the Planning Commission and City Council; provided, however, that the location, size and design of park property, land acquisitions and park improvements or developments are the sole responsibility of the City.

### Sustainability Committee

This committee will study, recommend and help implement solutions that will reduce environmental impacts or costs resulting from city government, city residents, or businesses operating within the city limits in the areas of: energy, water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, green waste, recycling, fleet, fuel, air quality, property maintenance or any other area related to environmental sustainability.

### Western Stampede Celebration Committee

This committee helps with the annual PRCA Rodeo, Demolition Derby, Royalty and other activities designated by the City Council. Preference for appointments will be given to those with the special qualifications needed to perform the duties of the committee.

## CITY STATISTICS

### Demographic Overview

Population	110,171
Dwelling Units	
Median Age	28.2
Population Under 18 Years	34.5%
Population Over 65 Years	4.5%
Average Family Income	\$79,490
Average Family Size	
Level of Education (for those over 25)	
High school graduate	
Some College	
Associates degree	
Bachelor's degree	
Graduate or professional degree	

### Schools

Number of Elementary Schools	17
Number of Middle Schools	4
Number of High Schools	2
Number of Special Needs Schools	1
Number of Charter Schools	4

### Culture and Recreation

Acres of Parks, Trails & Open Space	839
Number of Baseball/Softball Fields	20
Number of Soccer Fields	20

### Principle Employers

	# of Employees
Jordan School District	3,238
Jordan Valley Medical Center	625
City of West Jordan	570
Smith's	457
Sysco Intermountain Food Service	438
Mountain America Credit Union	391
SME Industries	375
Walmart	372
Target	272
Macey's Food & Drug	250
Sam's Club	250



## WEST JORDAN HISTORY

After the Mormon pioneers settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, the name chosen for the valley was the Great Salt Lake Valley of the Great Basin of North America. The river running west of the city was called the Western Jordan. Everything from Big Cottonwood Creek to the point of the mountain was known as **West Jordan**.

The country along the Western Jordan River began to be settled early in 1849. Most settlers built log cabins near the river bottoms or along the hill to the west of the river. By 1853, the population of the West Jordan area was 361.

In 1850, Archibald and Robert Gardner built the first saw mill in the area. To operate it, they made a mill race two and one half miles long, making it the first canal of any importance dug in Utah. Lumber was hauled 14 miles from the Oquirrh Mountains. In 1854, Archibald built a grist mill, introducing some excellent machinery to the area. The Gardner mill is still standing at 1100 W. 7800 South, and owners have converted it into a theme restaurant, reminiscent of the days of Archibald Gardner.

The first blacksmith's shop in south Salt Lake County belonged to Alexander Beckstead, who settled in West Jordan in 1850. The shop was completed in 1853. The labor consisted of setting wagon ties, fixing wagons, sharpening plows, repairing farm implements, and shoeing horses and oxen.

In 1851, Matthew Gaunt started a woolen mill. That same year, Samuel Mulliner tanned the leather in the first tannery built west of the Mississippi River.

School opened in West Jordan for the first time in 1852. Classes were held in a small, log house, about 14 by 15 feet, situated southwest of Pioneer Hall. This schoolhouse is still standing at what is now 1137 West 7800 South.

In the fall of 1854, a handful of people went looking for a place to farm and found a clear stream of water (now known as Bingham Creek) that ran from the Oquirrh Mountains on the west over the slopes of the Salt Lake Valley and down to the Jordan River. But they also found many Indian signs which convinced them that they could not live in safety without some means of protection. Thus, the construction of Wight's Fort (now located at 9000 S 3600 West) began.

The four walls of the fort, each 12 feet high, were constructed of stones, earth and logs. When completed, it was large enough to enclose and protect seven log houses, part of the much-valued stream and several outbuildings. The fort had two large gates, one on the east and the other on the west. By the spring of 1855, the wives and children of the fort builders had settled in.

The families of Wight's Fort lived and prospered there until 1859. Lack of water forced settlers to abandon the site in 1861. Still, for many years after, the only

road to Bingham was through the fort gates.

During the Walker War in 1853 and the following year, the residents of West Jordan maintained a constant guard in the Oquirrh Mountains. In 1857, West Jordan volunteers took an active part in the Echo Canyon campaign against the invasion of Johnson's Army.

Some of the first mining carried on in Utah took place in Bingham Canyon, west of West Jordan. Early settlers initially went there to harvest wood. A man named Ogilvie found gold in the canyon stream and is credited with the first gold panning in this region. James W. Cahoon, in the *History of Murray*, relates seeing men washing gold from Bingham Creek when he was hauling wood.

The copper mines were discovered by Con Wall, who operated them at a loss. D.C. Jackling brought in eastern money to bring the mine up to a paying basis. It was probably the lowest grade of copper of any pit mines in the world with less than 1% copper and a trace of gold. Today, Kennecott Copper is the largest in the world.

In 1891, the first sugar beets were raised in West Jordan. A sugar factory was built in 1916 by the Dyer Construction Company. Work at the factory was seasonal, peaking from mid October to the end of December with 235 employees. The factory was, at one time, rated to cut 1,500,000 tons of beets every 24 hours. An estimated 285,000 bags of sugar were produced annually in the 1950s. In the 1970s, however, the market dried up and the factory closed its doors.

West Jordan's first post office opened its doors in 1864 in a small adobe house just below the Rock Meeting House. In 1900, the Rural Free Delivery of mail began and ran from Sandy to West Jordan. Mail carriers carried first mail by horse and buggy and later by a Model T-Ford.

A promise had been made to the early settlers of West Jordan and surrounding territory that the time would come when, through their industry, beautiful homes, manufacturing establishments, productive farms, churches and many other buildings would enhance the valley. The residents of West Jordan petitioned the County Commission for incorporation as a town in 1941. It became a third class city in 1967.

As late as 1970, West Jordan was largely still a rural area. Then from 1973 to 1973, building and the City's population increased 500% to 27,329. In 1988, the population was estimated at 47,500. Population projections at that time, predicted that the City would add a minimum 2,000 new residents a year in this decade and should reach 50,000 by 1990. The 2000 census had West Jordan at 97,000. The latest estimates show the population as of September 2015 to be 110,171.

The City of West Jordan is fortunate to have a lion's share of vacant land left for future growth within Salt Lake County. This available land and Utah's strong economy will ensure a continued rapid rate of growth for the City of West Jordan.

## **EAGLE PROJECT IDEAS**

**Here are some local nonprofit groups who would benefit from  
Eagle Scout Projects:**

**South Valley Services — dedicated to preventing domestic violence and assisting those impacted by it.:**

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**[Svsutah.org](http://Svsutah.org)**





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