



The Town of Oakboro uses the Mayor/Council Form of Government.

The town's charter allows 6 board members comprised of 5 voting commissioners and mayor which votes in the event of a tie if 1 commissioner is absent or unable to vote. The Mayor Pro-Tem serves in the mayor's absence and is also 1 of the 5 voting commissioners. All 6 members of the board are elected to the respective positions. The responsibilities are to set and implement policy/standards and ordinances for citizens of the town; provide directives to be followed by the Town Administrator/Zoning Official which manages all departments and day to day operations. The board is tasked with the responsibility for making decisions which require the need of closed sessions for legal contract negotiations, attorney/client privilege and personnel. The NC General Statutes state these are NOT public information during negotiations process and some information is limited to the general public upon completion due to privacy laws.

The mayor serves in the capacity as a legal representative, leads, guides and directs/moderates all meetings. The mayor also serves as the spokesperson for the town, serves as a resource for direction to commissioners to make informed decisions. The final decisions, however, are ultimately decided by vote of the commissioners.

To maintain knowledge and understanding of ongoing issues of the town, all board members terms have been extended to 4 years. With elections held every two years, we will maintain continuity by always having a minimum of 3 experienced members. Some responsibilities, number of board members, voting members and form of government may vary as determined by the municipality, however, these are accurate for the Town of Oakboro.

State laws supersede any policy set by local government.