

CITY ORGANIZATION & INFORMATION

The City of Virginia Beach was chartered as a municipal corporation by the General Assembly of Virginia on January 1, 1963. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The 11-member City Council is the City's legislative body. The City Manager is appointed by Council and acts as Chief Executive Officer and, through City staff, the City Manager implements policies established by Council.

Virginia Beach has 258.7 square miles of land and 51.3 square miles of water. As of FY 2019-20, there was a population of 452,643 residents, of which 302,515 are registered voters. Per the City Real Estate Assessor, the estimated number of residences in the City for FY 2020-21 is 182,128.

