



Connecting with the City of Tulsa

Planning Office



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ACADEMY**

Where are we?

Measuring & Maintaining Success

- ✓ Impact Reporting
- ✓ Succession Planning

City Resources

- Connecting with the City of Tulsa
- Neighborhood Success Stories
- Neighborhood Resource Event

Topics to Cover :

- City Government Overview
 - Mayor
 - City Council
 - City Auditor
 - Authorities, Boards & Commissions (ABCs)
- City Departments
- Neighborhood Liaisons
- Tulsa 311



**Who makes up city
government? And what do
they do?**



Local Government

The Mayor

Administrative Branch:

- Acts as chief administrator and manages Tulsa's everyday operations.
- Duties:
 - Managing all administrative departments
 - Executing municipal laws
 - Submitting an annual budget to the City Council
 - Appointing citizens to authorities, boards, and commissions (ABCs)
- Term: Four-year term (elected by the whole city)
- Current Mayor: Monroe Nichols (mayor@cityoftulsa.org)



Local Government

The City Auditor

Investigative Branch:

- Serves as an independent eye that periodically reviews Tulsa's operations, resources, and financial activities.
- **Duties:**
 - Providing accountability to the city government
 - Ensuring resources are effectively and efficiently utilized
 - Conducting annual audits
 - Providing government oversight
 - Ensuring adequate protections are in place to manage risk
 - Regularly reviewing the City's financial activities
- **Term:** Two-year term (elected by the whole city)
- **Current City Auditor:** Nathan Pickard
(cityauditoroffice@cityoftulsa.org) | tulsacityauditor.org



Local Government

The City Council

Legislative Branch:

- Operates as the legislative branch of the city government.
- Duties:
 - Listening to the concerns and suggestions of their districts' residents
 - Adopting municipal ordinances and resolutions
 - Approving the City's annual budget
 - Evaluating the overall effectiveness of city operations
 - Confirming citizens to authorities, boards, and commissions (ABCs)
 - Leading special council projects (listed on tulsacouncil.org/)
- Term: Two-year term (elected by the whole city)
- Current Councilors:
 - District 1: Vanessa Hall-Harper (dist1@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 2: Anthony Archie (dist2@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 3: Jackie Dutton (dist3@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 4: Laura Bellis (dist4@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 5: Karen Gilbert (dist5@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 6: Christian Bengel (dist6@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 7: Lori Decter Wright (dist7@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 8: Phil Lakin, Jr. (dist8@tulsacouncil.org)
 - District 9: Carol Bush (dist9@tulsacouncil.org)



Local Government

The City of Tulsa Local Government Guide

Download from TulsaCouncil.org

High-level overview of our city's government, how official meetings function, the difference between a resolution and an ordinance, and more!

CITY OF TULSA

HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS

YOUR GUIDE TO THE
TULSA CITY COUNCIL



**What are authorities,
boards, and commissions
(ABCs)? And what do they
do?**



What is an ABC?

Groups of residents, appointed to authorities, boards and commissions (ABCs), provide their elected leaders with information and recommendations to assist the City's decision-making processes.

Total ABCs in Tulsa: 47



ABCs

What do they do?

Each ABC has a specific focus, but generally they all accomplish the same tasks:

- Recommending the creation of city policies and programs
- Acquiring, managing, and/or overseeing the management of assets
- Reviewing and recommending policy changes to the Mayor and City Council



ABCs

How to serve on an ABC:

For all mayor-appointed positions, you must be a Tulsa resident. *Some boards have additional requirements.*

- Learn more about the ABC you are interested in serving at cityoftulsa.org/government/authorities-boards-and-commissions/
- Read the City of Tulsa's Ethics Ordinance
- Complete an ABC application and email to mayor@cityoftulsa.org



Specific ABCs



Arts, Culture & History:

- Arts Commission of City of Tulsa (ARTS)
- Gilcrease Museum Board of Trustees
- Tulsa City-County Library Commission (TCCLC)
- Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust (TPACT)
- Tulsa Preservation Commission

Financial:

- Audit Committee of the City of Tulsa (AUDIT)
- Sales Tax Overview Committee (STOC)
- Tulsa County Criminal Justice Sales Tax Overview Committee (TCCJSTOC)



Planning & Zoning:

- Board of Adjustment (BOA)
- Board of Appeals
- Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (TMAPC)

Housing:

- Community Development Committee (HUD)
- Housing Authority of the City of Tulsa (THA)

Utilities:

- Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority (RMUA)
- Tulsa Authority for The Recovery of Energy (TARE)
- Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority (TMUA)



Health & Safety:

- Animal Welfare Commission
- Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)
- Tulsa City-County Board of Health (TCCBOH)

Infrastructure & Transit:

- Indian Nation Council of Governments (INCOG)
- Infrastructure Development Advisory Board (IDAB)
- Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA)
- Stormwater Drainage Hazard Mitigation Advisory Board (SDHMAB)



Economic Development:

- Kendall Whittier Improvement District
- Tax Increment District Review Committee
- Tulsa Authority for Economic Opportunity (TAEO)
- Tulsa Development Authority (TDA)
- Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC)
- Tulsa Stadium Trust (TST)

City of Tulsa:

- Civil Service Commission (CSC)
- Municipal Employee Retirement Board (MERP)



Communities:

- Asian Affairs Commission (AAC)
- Beyond Apology Commission (BAC)
- Greater Tulsa Area African-American Affairs Commission (GTAAAAC)
- Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic-Latinx Affairs Commission (GTAHLAC)
- Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission (GTAIAC)
- Route 66 Commission
- Tulsa Women's Commission (TWC)

Ethics & Elections:

- Election District Commission (ELECTION)
- Ethics Advisory Committee (EAC)
- Human Rights Commission (HRC)



Public Facilities & Assets:

- City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority (COTRCPA)
- Parks and Recreation Board (PRB)
- River Parks Authority (RPA)
- Tulsa Airport Authority (TAA)
- Tulsa International Airport Development Trust (TIADT)
- Tulsa Public Facilities Authority (TPFA)



City of Tulsa Departments





● MAYORAL STAFF

● CITY DEPARTMENT

● DIVISION, OFFICE OR FUNCTION

What is a Neighborhood Liaison?



Definition

A designated point of contact between neighborhood groups, area residents, businesses, schools, youth, civic organizations and City Hall.



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...or who you call when you're not sure who to call!



Programs

- **Neighborhood Academy**
- Neighborhood Registration
- Neighborhood Dumpster Program
- Block Party Event Permitting & Support
- Neighborhood Leaders Luncheon



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Tulsa 311



What is 311?

The City of Tulsa's customer service and citizen reporting tool

- Call
- Email
- Online (website)
- App



Easy Reporting

When do you contact 311?

When you need to report a(n)...

- Abandoned vehicle
- Aggressive or loose animal
- Broken parking meter
- Dead animal pickup
- Graffiti
- Illegal dumping
- Missed trash pick up
- Pothole



When do you contact 311?

When you need to report a(n)...

- Streetlight maintenance request
- Sewer line break / overflow*
- Traffic light / sign issue
- Traffic sign / street marker issue
- Trash / junk debris
- Yard / lot maintenance
- Water line break*

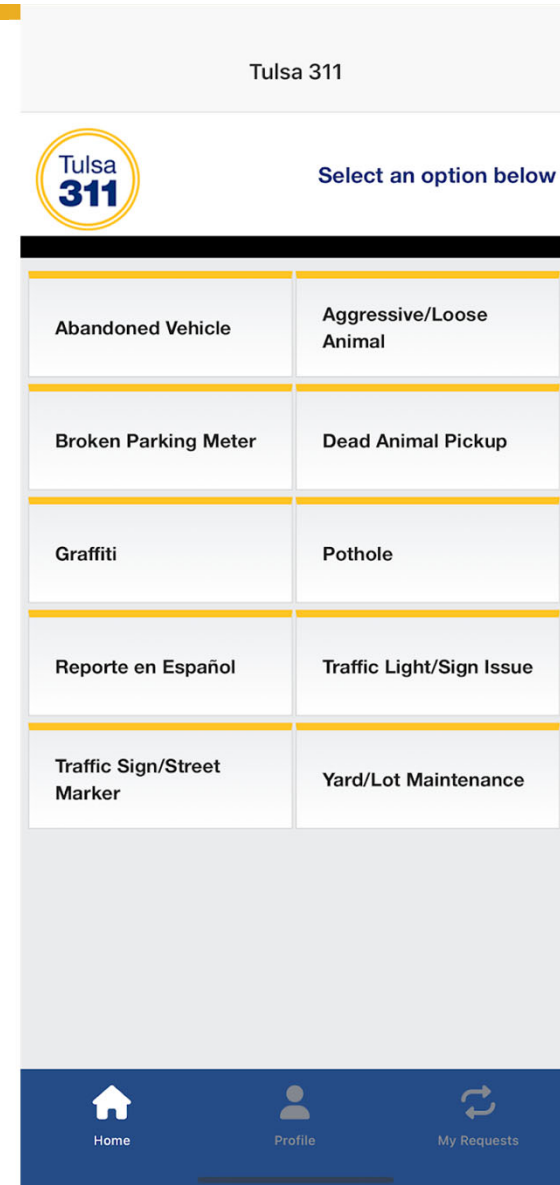
**There is a direct phone number to call to report water and sewer line breaks and overflows.*



When do you contact 311?

When you need to ...

- File a human rights complaint
- File a housing discrimination complaint
- Start, stop, or transfer service for city utilities
- Schedule a bulky waste pickup

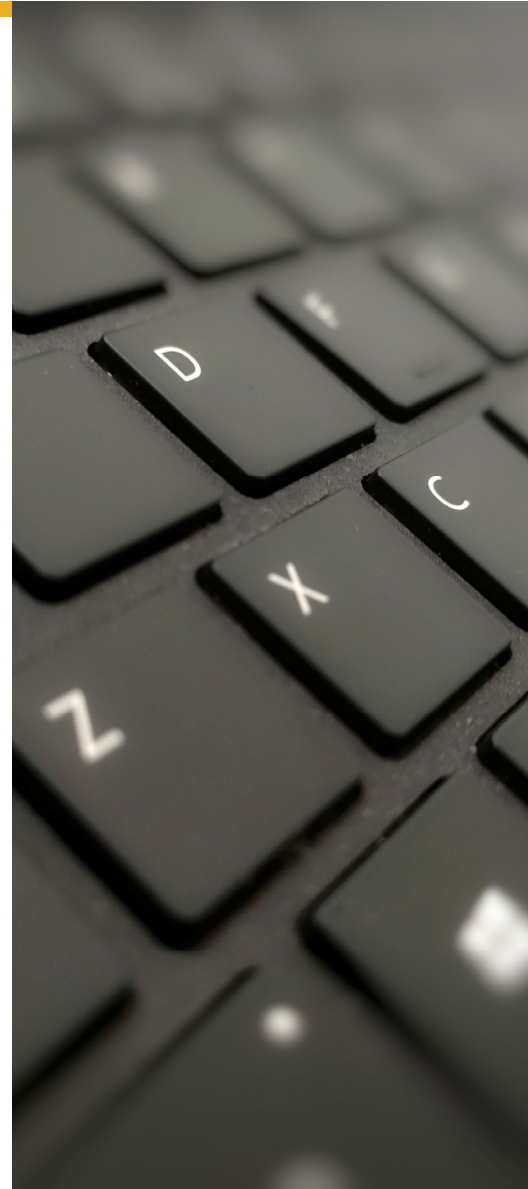


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- Provide photos and/or a map
- Provide context for the issue / idea
- Detail the impact (provide data if you have it)
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- Ask for timelines (for responses / decisions / etc.)
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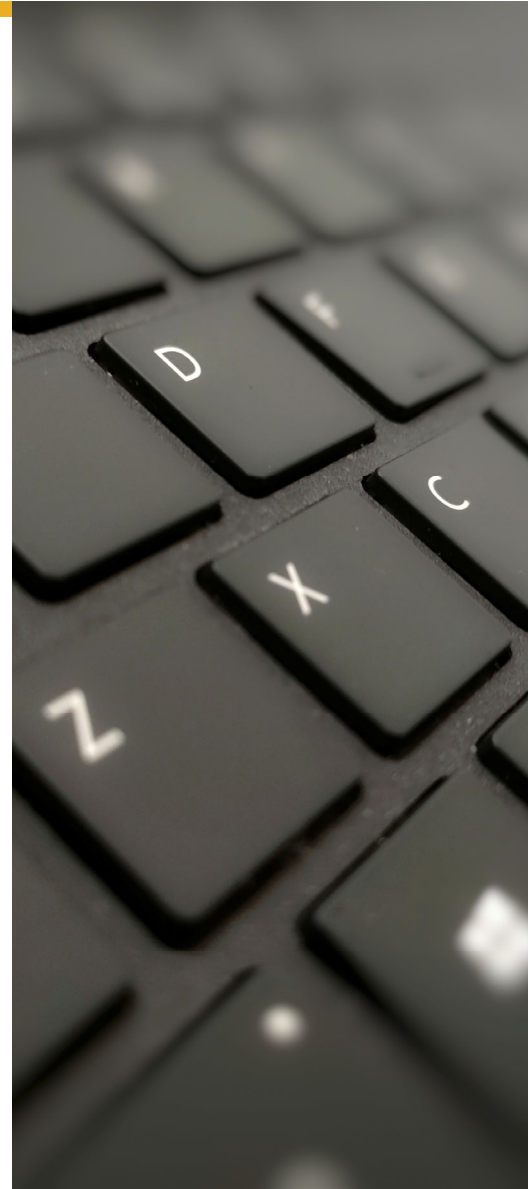
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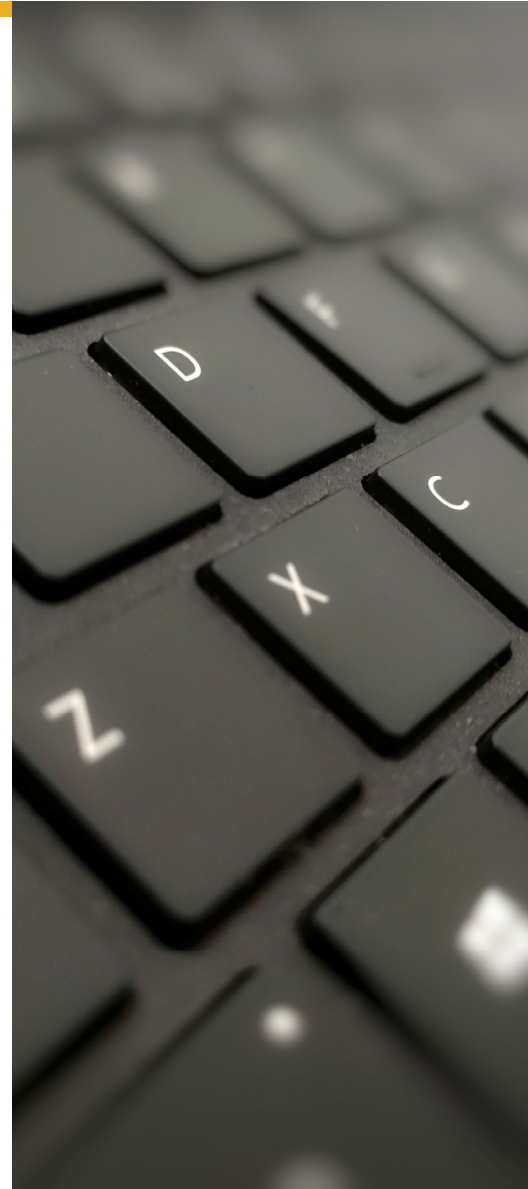
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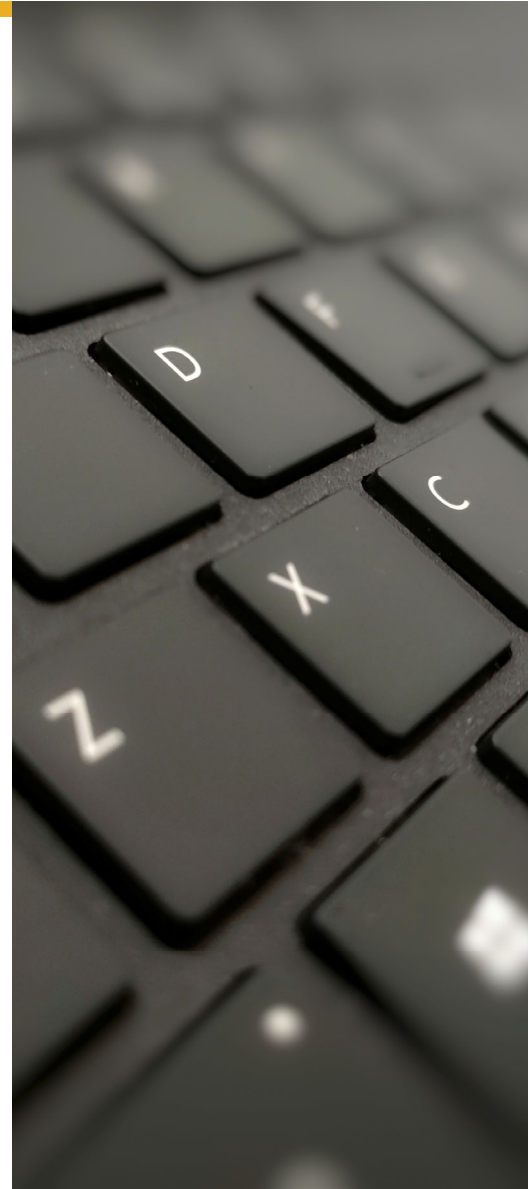
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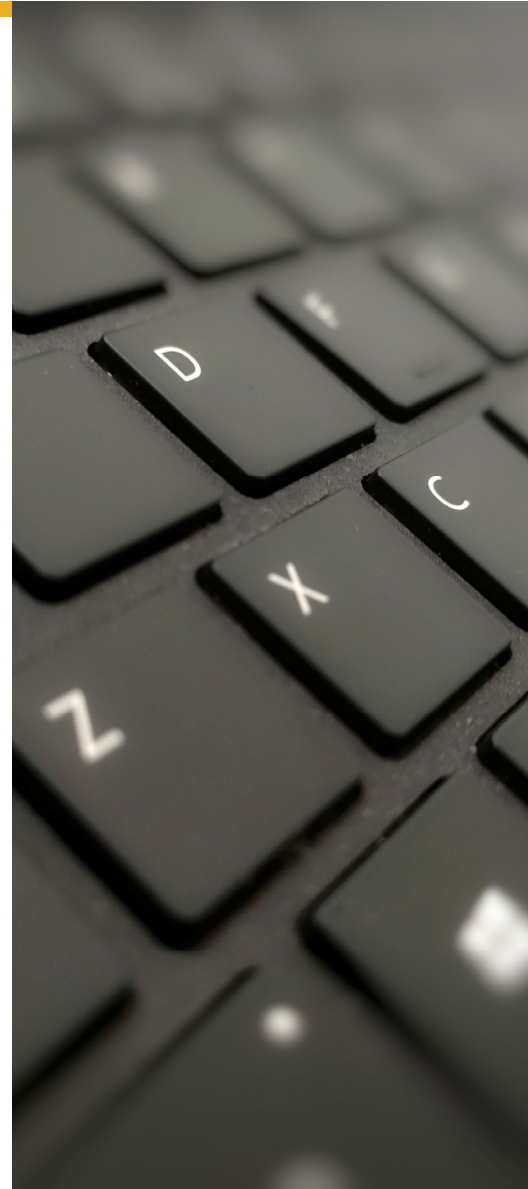
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General Tips



General Tips

- Build relationships with city staff and elected officials.
- Participate in surveys, events and initiatives gathering citizen input.
- Stay connected. Follow the City's social media.
- Tune in to TGOV to watch important meetings when you can't attend in person.

Show Up! Come out to events like this – build a relationship with city staff and elected officials!



Call to Action



Your Next Steps:

- ❑ Download the Tulsa 311 App
- ❑ Introduce yourself to your City Councilor(s)
- ❑ Learn more about Tulsa's ABCs
- ❑ Follow the City of Tulsa on social media
- ❑ Read the Tulsa City Government Guide
- ❑ Sign up for our Community Connect newsletter!
- ❑ Keep showing up!



Questions?



What's next?



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