

Community First

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**Candidate Filing Has Ended
for the Nov 4th
Folly Beach Municipal Election**

Candidates for Mayor *

- 1. DJ Rich**
- 2. Katherine Houghton**
- 3. Ann Peets**
- 4. Chris Bizzell**
- 5. Elton Culpepper**

Candidates for Council

*** (Vote for up
to 3)**

- 1. John McFarland**
- 4. Skip Fink**

*** Candidates listed by filing date.**

Folly Beach uses the Strong Mayor form of Government

Is Folly's Nov 4th Election Pivotal ?

Yes indeed! Especially considering Folly's **Strong Mayor** form of government.

Which Mayoral candidate can you trust with the authority and power of a **Strong Mayor**?

Which Council candidates can you trust to be a reliable counterbalance to a **Strong Mayor**?

How Much Influence Does the Folly Beach Mayor Have?

- Sets the tone for the City / Is the Face of the City
- Serves as chief executive officer
- Represents the City when interacting with local, county and state officials (also the media)
- Can Hire and Fire most City employees
- Prepares the annual City budget
- Votes as a member of council
- Sets the agenda and presides over City Council meetings

How Much Influence Does the Folly Beach City Council Have?

- Holds all legislative, financial and policy power
- Can create, change or abolish most offices, departments or boards
- Can hire an administrator to "assist the Mayor in his office"
- Appoints the City clerk, attorney, judges and most members of the City's committees and boards
- Responsible for adopting a balanced budget
- City Council members are, by design, the only counterbalance to the power and authority of the Mayor
- Four or more City Council members can alter or kill any of the Mayor's proposals

Community First Yard Signs

Available this Week - Across from the Post Office

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Did you Know?

By State Law municipal governments must be organized in one of three ways: Mayor-Council (Strong Mayor), Council (Strong Council) or Council - Manager.

Statewide Breakdown of Municipalities

1. Mayor-Council - (Strong Mayor) about 141
2. Council - (Strong Council) about 95
3. Council-Manager about 33

Examples of S.C. Municipalities

1. **Strong Mayor:** Folly Beach, Charleston, James Island, Kiawah, North Charleston, Seabrook, Monks Corner, Hollywood and Georgetown.
2. **Strong Council:** Mt. Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, Edisto, Isle of Palms, Summerville and McClellanville.
3. **Council Manager:** Columbia, Greenville, Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, Spartanburg and Walterboro. (Almost all of the authority and power is in the hands of the Manager, not the Mayor or council.)

Source: Wikipedia (List of municipalities in South Carolina)

Bottom Line: Our Mayor has a great deal of authority and power.



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