



Davidson County power & organization map

3 · METRO COUNCIL STRUCTURE AND DISTRICT MAP

How the Council is built

Forty members, one vote each: 35 elected by district, 5 countywide. The Vice Mayor presides and breaks ties.

VICE MAYOR

Presides over Council meetings: sets the agenda, maintains order and breaks tie votes.

40 COUNCIL MEMBERS

35 district seats + 5 at-large seats.

- Each member has one vote
- No member "reports to" another
- A majority of 21 votes passes legislation

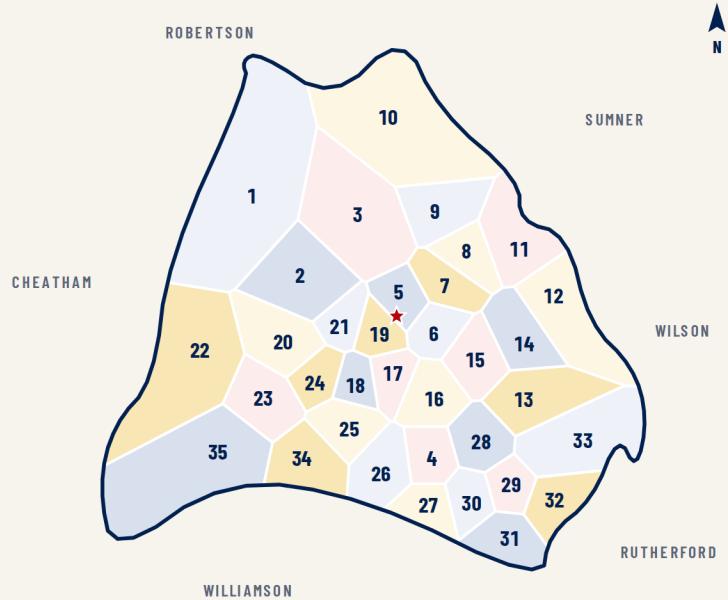
COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Standing committees focus on specific issues: Budget & Finance, Planning, Public Safety, Public Works and more. The gatekeepers for legislation.

FULL COUNCIL

All 40 members vote on legislation, the budget, zoning changes, tax measures and other ordinances.

THE 35 COUNCIL DISTRICTS



★ Downtown Nashville (District 19) Numbers mark district seats

Schematic for illustration only; district shapes and positions are approximate. Official map and district lookup: maps.nashville.gov (Metro Council Districts).

5 AT-LARGE SEATS

Elected by all voters countywide. Represent the entire county. Every voter has five of these.

35 DISTRICT SEATS

Each represents one geographic district within Davidson County. Every voter has one of these.

COUNCIL IN ACTION · HOW AN IDEA BECOMES LAW

1

Idea or issue identified

By a member, a constituent or the administration.

> 2

Referred to committee

For study and public hearings.

> 3

Committee vote

Do pass, amend or defeat.

> 4

Full Council vote

All 40 members; 21 votes to pass.

> 5

Mayor signs or vetoes

A two-thirds vote can override a veto.

> 6

Becomes law

Or the veto is sustained.

KEY POINT

Every seat is filled by a vote.

Four-year terms, all 40 elected at once in the Metro general election. Somebody has to run for each one.