

Position Paper
on
Full-Time vs. Part-Time Mayor

Background:

In almost every Mayoral election cycle, in Ward and other smaller municipalities, the question comes up as to whether the Office of the Mayor is a full-time or part-time position. This year is no different and is fueled by social media.

Election officials, from the President on down, are not classified as either full-time or part-time. They are paid a salary approved by their governing body without regard to how many hours they work.

My Position:

The Mayor of Ward should function as a full-time position.

My Reasoning:

The principal officer of all Arkansas cities and towns within the mayor/council form of government is the mayor. By virtue of this position, the mayor is ex-officio president of the council. It is the mayor's responsibility to keep the city government running properly. This includes enforcing city ordinances and making sure that the residents receive maximum benefits and services for the taxes that they pay.

The mayor oversees the day-to-day activities of the city and supervises department heads. I don't see how anyone could properly manage the second largest city in the county without being full-time.

As Mayor:

I will devote my full time and attention to work hard for you each and every day.

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