

Livable City Policy Statement

Develop a livable city where Charlotteans of all incomes can achieve, “a complete state of physical, mental and social well-being” through the design of neighborhoods, public infrastructure and open spaces, and through easy access to employment and housing choices.

Guiding Principles:

Create a state-of-the-art transportation system

that equally provides for the health and safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists and is accessible to people of all ages and abilities;

Promote a mix of land uses

within a close proximity so that Charlotteans can live, work, play, shop and worship in a neighborhood without the need for an automobile;

Ensure access to affordable housing

by supporting the dispersal of a range of housing types throughout the city, so that the availability of transportation does not limit access to economic opportunity;

Build vibrant and activity-filled public streets and open spaces

that promote community engagement so that Charlotteans of all ages and abilities can participate in a public life;

Promote access to affordable and healthy/local foods

so that income and location don't limit dietary choices; and

Protect the Air We Breathe,

and the trees that filter it, while also shading us from the hot, southern sun.
Excerpt of World Health Organization definition of public health

**Mayor-Council Strategic Policy
Objectives:**

- 1. Ensure all residents and visitors are safe**
- 2. Build and preserve vibrant and diverse neighborhoods**
- 3. Provide economic opportunity to increase upward mobility**
- 4. Facilitate and invest in innovation and intentional growth of the city and sustainable infrastructure**
- 5. Connect people and places by foot, bike, transit, and car, safely and effectively for people of all ages**
- 6. Advance a clean and healthy environment**

City Council Focus Areas

1. **Community Safety** - *Charlotte will be one of America's safest communities.*
2. **Economic Development & Global Competitiveness** - *Charlotte will be the most prosperous and livable city for all citizens through quality economic development.*
3. **Environment** - *Charlotte will become a national leader in environmental sustainability, preserving our natural resources while balancing growth with sound fiscal policy.*
4. **Housing & Neighborhood Development** - *Sustain and create distinct and diverse neighborhoods for residents of all ages.*
5. **Transportation & Planning** - *Charlotte will be the premier city in the country for integrating land use and transportation choices.*

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Potential priorities 2016/2017:

**(In addition to... the Unified
Development Ordinance and
Place Types)**

- **Transportation & Planning Committee
Focus Area Plan**
- **South End Vision Plan (TOD update)**
- **Charlotte Walks/Charlotte Bikes**
- **Council Dialog/Quarterly Meetings**
- **Zoning Recommendations**
- **Others...**