

1st City Commission - Dec. 12, 1921 to Dec. 3, 1923

Mayor:	George A Dondero
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The City of Royal Oak was incorporated in 1921 at which time the first City Commission was established with George A Dondero as our first Mayor. The following is a list of City Commissions from 1921 to the Present.

Please visit the City Commission Chambers which features portraits of all the Mayors and City Commissioners. The Chambers are located on the 3rd floor of City Hall in Room 315.

Commissioners:	J Frank Codling Gus Dondero J L Heckerd James E Lawson J S Morrison W J Mulholland
City Attorney:	E B Howarth
City Manager:	Phillip H Beauvais
City Clerk:	W O Hullinger Jan 1921-Dec 1921 R Bruce Fleming

2nd City Commission - Dec. 3, 1923 to Dec. 7, 1925

Mayor:	A G Miller Dec 3, 1923-Jan 1, 1925 J Frank Codling Jan 2, 1925-Dec 7, 1925
Commissioners:	Mabel Baldwin W D Clarke Dec 3, 1923-May 5, 1924 Lloyd Clawson May 12, 1924-Dec 7, 1925 Claude Kelso James E Lawson Fred Smith Harold E Storz
City Attorney:	E B Howarth Dec 3, 1923-Apr 21, 1924 George Hartrick Apr 15, 1924-July 20, 1925 Harry Merritt July 20, 1925-Jan 4, 1926
City Manager:	Phillip H Beauvais Dec 3, 1923-Dec 1, 1925 Resigned
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

3rd City Commission - Dec. 7, 1925 to Dec. 5, 1927

Mayor:	Harold E Storz
Commissioners:	E M Bangham A L Fraser Max Hagelstine James E Lawson Frank Langdon George Sass
City Attorney:	Harry Merritt July 20, 1925-Jan 4, 1926 W C Hudson Jan 1, 1926-Dec 5, 1927
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney Jan 11, 1926-Dec 5, 1927
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

4th City Commission - Dec. 5, 1927 to Dec. 2, 1929

Mayor:	Harold E Storz
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Max Hagelstine Frank M Langdon James E Lawson Aniela Poray Edward W Winter
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

5th City Commission - Dec. 2, 1929 to Dec. 7, 1931

Mayor:	H Lloyd Clawson
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Fred Cowen Arthur L Lawson Fletcher Renton Aniela Poray Edward W Winter
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Raymond J Whitney Dec 2, 1929-Nov 1, 1931 Resigned Edward M Shafter Nov 1, 1931-Dec 7, 1931
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

6th City Commission - Dec. 7, 1931 to Dec. 4, 1933

Mayor:	H Lloyd Clawson
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Fred Cowen Nov 8, 1932 Deceased Frank Dorsey Nov 14, 1932-Dec 4, 1933 Arthur L Lawson Fletcher Renton Frank Springsteen H Von Eberstein
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

7th City Commission - Dec. 4, 1933 to Dec. 2, 1935

Mayor:	H Lloyd Clawson
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Frank Dorsey Arthur L Lawson Fletcher Renton Frank Springsteen H Von Eberstein
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

8th City Commission - Dec. 2, 1935 to Dec. 6, 1937

Mayor:	H Lloyd Clawson
Commissioners:	E M Bangham Frank O Dorsey Arthur L Lawson Fletcher Renton Maynard Seibert Jacob B Sparks
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming

9th City Commission - Dec. 6, 1937 to Dec. 4, 1939

Mayor:	E M Bangham Dec 6, 1937 - July 25, 1938 Resigned Fletcher L Renton July 25, 1938 - Dec 4, 1939
Commissioners:	Arthur L Lawson Grant D Maudlin Fletcher L Renton Dec 6, 1937 - July 25, 1938 Casper Schroff Joe Maynard Seibert Jacob B Sparks
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	R Bruce Fleming Dec 6, 1937 - July 28, 1938 Deceased Gladys Holmes Aug 8, 1939 - Dec 4, 1939

10th City Commission - Dec. 4, 1939 to Dec. 1, 1941

Mayor:	Fletcher L Renton
Commissioners:	H Lloyd Clawson William Hayward Arthur L Lawson Grant D Maudlin Joe Maynard Seibert Jacob B Sparks
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

11th City Commission - 1941 to 1943

Mayor:	Fletcher L Renton Dec 1, 1941 - May 24, 1943 Resigned Grant D Maudlin May 24, 1943-Dec 6, 1943
Commissioners:	William Hayward Joe Maynard Seibert Vernald E Horn H Lloyd Clawson Jacob B Sparks Dec 1, 1941 - May 25, 1942 Grant D Maudlin Dec 1, 1941 - May 24, 1943 Clarence M Kimball May 24, 1943 - Dec 6, 1943 Julius Hering May 25, 1942 - Dec 6, 1943
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

12th City Commission - Dec. 6, 1943 to Dec. 3, 1945

Mayor:	Grant D Maudlin
Commissioners:	Julius M Hering H Lloyd Clawson Clarence M Kimball Ellery A Laidlaw William Hayward Samuel Truswell
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

13th City Commission - Dec. 3, 1945 to Dec. 1, 1947

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Jacob B Sparks Julius M Hering Ellery A Laidlaw Vernald E Horn H Lloyd Clawson S J Christie
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

14th City Commission - Dec. 1, 1947 to Dec. 5, 1949

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Evert M Bangham Arthur H Fries Ellery A Laidlaw Vernald E Horn Walter R Eames Samuel K Truswell Dec 1, 1947-Oct 11, 1948 Resigned Howard K Kelley Oct 18, 1948-Dec 5, 1949
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

15th City Commission - Dec. 5, 1949 to Dec. 3, 1951

Mayor:	Vernald E Horn
Commissioners:	Grant D Maudlin Howard K Kelley Ruth E Wagner Evert M Bangham Ellery A Laidlaw Arthur H Fries
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

16th City Commission - Dec. 3, 1951 to Dec. 7, 1953

Mayor:	Vernald E Horn
Commissioners:	Arthur H Fries Evert M Bangham Dec 3, 1951-Nov 20, 1952 Deceased William Hayward Howard K Kelley Ellery A Laidlaw Dec 15, 1952-Dec 7, 1953 Grant D Maudlin Ruth E Wagner
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

17th City Commission - Dec. 7, 1953 to Dec. 5, 1955

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley
Commissioners:	Louis A Demute Arthur H Fries James G Hartrick William Hayward Ellery A Laidlaw Grant J Maudlin
City Attorney:	W C Hudson
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

18th City Commission - Dec. 5, 1955 to Dec. 2, 1957

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley
Commissioners:	Louis A Demute Ralph Fisher Dec 5, 1955 - May 15, 1957 Resigned Arthur H Fries James G Hartrick William Hayward Grant J Maudlin Lloyd D Crosby Jun 4, 1956 - Dec 2, 1957
City Attorney:	W C Hudson Dec 5, 1955 - May 1, 1957 Resigned Allan G Hertler May 1, 1957 - Dec 2, 1957
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

19th City Commission - Dec. 2, 1957 to Dec. 7, 1959

Mayor:	Howard K Kelley Dec 2, 1957-Jun 19, 1959 Deceased William Hayward July 20, 1959-Dec 7, 1959
Commissioners:	William Hayward Dec 2, 1957-July 20, 1959 Lloyd D Crosby Arthur H Fries Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin John B Osgood Robert G Leggett July 20, 1959-Dec 7, 1959
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

20th City Commission - Dec. 7, 1959 to Dec. 4, 1961

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Lloyd D Crosby Arthur H Fries Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin John B Osgood Curtis Potter
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Edward M Shafter Dec 7, 1959-May 31, 1961 Retired Bruce W Love Jun 1, 1961-Dec 4, 1961
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes

21st City Commission - Dec. 4, 1961 to Dec. 2, 1963

Mayor:	William Hayward
Commissioners:	Arthur H Fries Ted Nick Dec 4, 1961-Sep 23, 1963 Resigned Wallace F Gabler Jr Oct 7, 1963-Dec 2, 1963 Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin Robert F Patnales L Curtis Potter
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Holmes Dec 4, 1961-May 31, 1963 Retired Gladys Fogo Jun 1, 1963-Dec 2, 1963

22nd City Commission - Dec. 2, 1963 to Dec. 6, 1965

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	James P Cline (2 yr) Wallace F Gabler Jr Vernald E Horn Grant J Maudlin Barbara P Mitchell Robert F Patnales Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

23rd City Commission - Dec. 6, 1965 to Dec. 4, 1967

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	James P Cline Wallace F Gabler Jr Pro Tem Vernald E Horn Barbara P Mitchell Ted G Nick Dec 6, 1965-Oct 3, 1967 Resigned Robert F Patnales Dec 6, 1965-Oct 3, 1967 Resigned James C Johnson Nov 13, 1967-Dec 4, 1967 W Peter Kramer Nov 13, 1967-Dec 4, 1967
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

24th City Commission - Dec. 4, 1967 to Dec. 1, 1969

Mayor:	L Curtis Potter
Commissioners:	John H Austin James P Cline Pro Tem Wallace F Gabler Jr Dec 4, 1967-Dec 16, 1968 Resigned James C Johnson (2 yr) W Peter Kramer (2 yr) Alice L Schoenholtz Howard C Zuidema Jan 13, 1969-Dec 1, 1969
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

25th City Commission - Dec. 1, 1969 to Dec. 6, 1971

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Pro Tem James C Johnson W Peter Kramer Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Howard C Zuidema (2 yr)
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

26th City Commission - Dec. 6, 1971 to Dec. 3, 1973

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Donald G Field James C Johnson W Peter Kramer Pro Tem Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz
City Attorney:	Allan G Hertler Dec 6, 1971-Dec 31, 1972 Resigned Daniel Sawicki Jan 1, 1973-Dec 3, 1973
City Manager:	Bruce W Love
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

27th City Commission - Dec. 3, 1973 to Dec. 1, 1975

Mayor:	James P Cline
Commissioners:	John H Austin Donald G Field Barbara A Hallman W Peter Kramer Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	Bruce W Love Dec 3, 1973-Sep 1, 1975 Resigned William J Baldridge Sep 15, 1975-Dec 1, 1975
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

28th City Commission - Dec. 1, 1975 to Dec. 5, 1977

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr
Commissioners:	John H Austin Barbara A Hallman W Peter Kramer Pro Tem Enoch L Nelson Alice L Schoenholtz Peter Webster
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo

29th City Commission - Dec. 5, 1977 to Dec. 3, 1979

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr
Commissioners:	John H Austin Pro Tem Barbara A Hallman George Kelber Alice L Schoenholtz Vernon L Warren Peter Webster
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Gladys Fogo Dec 5, 1977-Jan 8, 1979 Retired Evelyn Demske Jan 8, 1969-Dec 3, 1979

30th City Commission - Dec. 3, 1979 to Dec. 7, 1981

Mayor:	Pecky D Lewis Jr Dec 3, 1979-Jul 23, 1981 Resigned Peter Webster Jul 23, 1981-Dec 7, 1981
Commissioners:	Barbara A Hallman George Kelber Patricia Paruch Alice L Schoenholtz Vernon L Warren Peter Webster Dec 3, 1979-July 23, 1981 W Peter Kramer Jul 27, 1981-Dec 7, 1981
City Attorney:	Daniel Sawicki Appointed Judge Teresa Schafer to Dec 7, 1981
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Evelyn M Demski Dec 3, 1979-Jul 31, 1981 Retired Max LaValley Jul 31, 1981-Dec 7, 1981

31st City Commission - Dec. 7, 1981 to Dec. 5, 1983

Mayor:	Barbara A Hallman
Commissioners:	Gerard W Boylan Kenneth E Culling Patricia Paruch Pro Tem Alice Schoenholtz Linda J Shadrick Robert F Stocker
City Attorney:	Teresa Schafer Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

32nd City Commission - Dec. 6, 1983 to Dec. 2, 1985

Mayor:	Barbara A Hallman
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Philip Natke Patricia Paruch David L Richards Linda J Shadrick Robert F Stocker Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

33rd City Commission - Dec. 2, 1985 to Dec. 7, 1987

Mayor:	Robert F Stocker
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Philip Natke * Pro Tem Patricia Paruch ** Pro Tem Fred Pieper Nancy A Pirslin David L Richards James C Johnson *** Commission Appointment * Resigned June 15, 1987 ***Replacement ** Pro Tem Replacement
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

34th City Commission - Dec. 7, 1987 to Dec. 4, 1989

Mayor:	Robert F Stocker
Commissioners:	Kenneth E Culling Dennis Cowan Patricia Paruch Fred Pieper * Pro Tem Nancy Pirslin ** Pro Tem David Richards James C Johnson *** Commission Appointment *Deceased Feb 21, 1988 ***Replacement 3/7/1988 - 12/4/1989 **Pro Tem Replacement
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley

35th City Commission - Dec. 4, 1989 to Dec. 2, 1991

Mayor:	Patricia Paruch
Commissioners:	Phillip J Abraham * Dennis G Cowan Pro Tem James C Johnson Thomas E Kuhn Nancy A Pirslin David L Richards * elected 2 year term to complete the term of Patricia Paruch
City Attorney:	Charles Lowther June 10, 1991 Resigned Lawrence M Doyle June 10, 1991 Appointed
City Manager:	William J Baldrige
City Clerk:	Max LaValley June 1, 1990 Retired Mary C Richards June 1, 1990 Appointed

36th City Commission - Dec. 2, 1991 to Dec. 7, 1993

Mayor:	Patricia Paruch
Commissioners:	Dennis G Cowan James B Ellison Shirley Evoe James C Johnson Thomas E Kuhn Nancy A Pirslin (Pro Tem)
City Attorney:	Lawrence M Doyle
City Manager:	William J Baldridge
City Clerk:	Mary C Richards-Haverty (married 12/92)

37th City Commission - Dec. 6, 1993 to Dec. 4, 1995

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	James B Ellison Shirley Evoe Pro Tem David G Gorcyca Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Andrew J Prentice
City Attorney:	Lawrence Doyle Appointed Manager Oct 23, 1994 Charles Semchena Appointed Jan 2, 1995
City Manager:	William Baldridge Resigned Oct 22, 1994 Lawrence Doyle Appointed Oct 23, 1994
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty

38th City Commission - Dec. 4, 1995 to Dec. 2, 1997

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak Shirley Evoe * Resigned Jan 21, 1997 David G Gorcyca ** Resigned Dec 2, 1996 Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Andrew J Prentice *Ilene Lanfear Replacement Apr 7, 1997 **Phillip J Abraham Replacement Dec 2, 1996
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty

39th City Commission - Dec. 2, 1997 to Dec. 6, 1999

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak Pro Tem Marie Donigan Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn Ilene Lanfear Peter H Webster
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty

40th City Commission - Dec. 7, 1999 to Dec. 7, 2001

Mayor:	Dennis G Cowan
Commissioners:	Marie Donigan Laura J Harrison Thomas E Kuhn * Resigned 5/14/2001 Christopher Lyon * Replacement 7/9/2001 Ilene M Lanfear Pro Tem Jeanne Sarnacki Peter H Webster * Resigned 12/18/2000 Brett Tillander * Replacement 12/22/2000
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary C Haverty Retired Dec 2000 Mary Ellen Graver 1/15/01

41st City Commission - 12/3/2001 to 12/1/2003

Mayor:	Bill Urich
Commissioners:	Marie Donigan Carlo P Ginotti Tom Hallock Ilene Lanfear Pro Tem Christopher Lyon Jeanne Sarnacki
City Attorney:	Charles Semchena
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

42nd City Commission - 12/1/2003 to 12/5/2005

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Mike Andrzejak Patricia Capello Marie Donigan, resigned 12/6/04 Andrew Prentice, replacement 12/20/04 Terry Drinkwine Carlo P Ginotti Tom Hallock - Pro Tem
City Attorney:	Chuck Semchena, Retired 9/9/05 Jim Marcinkowski, Acting City Attorney 9/12/05 David Gillam, Secrest Wardle 11/14/05
City Manager:	Lawrence M Doyle, retired 3/31/04 Tom Trice, Interim City Manager 2/9/04 Thomas Hoover, 8/2/04
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

43rd City Commission - 12/5/2005 to 12/3/2007

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Capello Terry H. Drinkwine Carlo Ginotti Gary Lelito Stephen F. Miller
City Attorney:	David Gillam, 9/18/06
City Manager:	Thomas Hoover
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver

44th City Commission - 12/3/2007 to 12/7/2009

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Carlo Ginotti, Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Andrzejak Terry H. Drinkwine Gary Lelito Stephen F. Miller, resigned 6/3/09 Charles Semchena
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Thomas R. Hoover, retired 2/16/09 Interim City Manager, Donald E. Johnson, effective 2/16/09
City Clerk:	Mary Ellen Graver, retired 9/12/08 Melanie Halas, effective 9/13/08

45th City Commission - 12/7/2009 to 12/5/2011

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Michael Andrzejak, Mayor Pro-Tem Patricia Capello Terry H. Drinkwine David Poulton Jim Rasor Charles Semchena
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Donald E. Johnson
City Clerk:	Melanie Halas

46th City Commission - 12/5/2011 to 12/7/2013

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	Patricia Capello, Mayor Pro Tem (resigned 5/20/13) David J. Poulton, Mayor Pro Tem (effective 5/21/13) Kyle Dubuc Carlo Ginotti (replaced MPT Capello effective 6/17/13) Michael Fournier Peggy K. Goodwin David J. Poulton Jim Rasor
City Attorney:	David Gillam
City Manager:	Donald E. Johnson
City Clerk:	Melanie Halas

47th City Commission - 12/2/2013 to 12/7/2015

Mayor:	Jim Ellison
Commissioners:	David J. Poulton, Mayor Pro Tem Sharlan Douglas Kyle Dubuc Michael Fournier Peggy K. Goodwin (resigned 10/20/2014) Pat Paruch (replaced Goodwin effective 11/10/2015) Jeremy Mahrle
City Attorney:	David Gillam (retired 11/21/2014) Interim City Attorney, Mark Liss, effective 11/22/14
City Manager:	Donald E. Johnson
City Clerk:	Melanie Halas