

CHRONOLOGY OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
(Beginning January 1, 1968)

January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1969

Spero Kereiakes
C. A. Porter
Jack D. Sublett
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1971

Henry M. (Hank) Brosche
Spero Kereiakes
Glen Lange
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1973

Glen Lange
James D. Shanahan
B.L. (Bernie) Steen
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1975

James D. Shanahan
B.L. (Bernie) Steen
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.
Glen Lange (Resigned Oct. 1, 1975. No one was appointed to fill his position as his term was due to expire Dec. 31, 1975.)

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1977

Harold Asher Miller
James D. Shanahan
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.
Charles Ray Woosley

January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979

Harold Asher Miller
Patsy T. Sloan
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.
Charles Ray Woosley

January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1981

Alan W. Palmer
Clyde Payne
Patsy T. Sloan
B.L. (Bernie) Steen

January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1983

Alan W. Palmer
Patsy T. Sloan
B.L. (Bernie) Steen
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1985

Elwood Janes
Harold Asher Miller
Alan W. Palmer
Patsy T. Sloan

January 1, 1986 to December 31, 1987

Elwood Janes
Alan W. Palmer
Patsy T. Sloan
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1989

Carol J. McIvor
Alan W. Palmer
B.L. (Bernie) Steen
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1991

Carol J. McIvor
Alan W. Palmer
B.L. (Bernie) Steen
Charles L. Wilson, Jr.

January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1993

Robbie E. Bond
Joe W. Denning
Carol J. McIvor
John O. Oldham

January 1, 1994 to December 1996*

Robbie E. Bond
Joe W. Denning
Diane Howerton (8/1/95 to 12/96 - appointed by Mayor Webb to fill vacancy left by resignation of C. McIvor)
Carol J. McIvor (Resigned 6/30/95)
John O. Oldham

January 1, 1997 to December 1998

Jim Breece
Joe W. Denning
Diane Howerton
John O. Oldham

January 1, 1999 to December 2000

Jim Bullington
Joe W. Denning
Dan Hall
Sandy Jones

January 1, 2001 to December 2002

Jim Bullington (appointed)
Mark. O. Black (died in office)
Joe W. Denning
Dan Hall
Alan W. Palmer

January 1, 2003 to December 2004

Jim Bullington
Joe W. Denning
Dan Hall
Alan W. Palmer

January 1, 2005 to December 2006

Mark Alcott
Brian “Slim” Nash
Delane Simpson
Brian Strow

January 1, 2007 to December 2008

Joe W. Denning
Brian “Slim” Nash
Brian Strow
Bruce Wilkerson

January 1, 2009 to December 2010

Joe W. Denning
Catherine Hamilton
Brian “Slim” Nash
Bruce Wilkerson

January 1, 2011 to November 2011

Brian “Slim” Nash
Bill Waltrip
Bruce Wilkerson
Joe W. Denning
Melinda Hill (appointed March 3, 2011-filling vacancy created by Joe W. Denning appointed as Mayor due to Elaine Walker being appointed as Secretary of State)

November, 2011 to December 2012

Brian “Slim” Nash

Bill Waltrip

Melinda Hill

Joe W. Denning (appointed November 15, 2011-filling vacancy created by Bruce Wilkerson who was elected as Mayor in the November 2011 special election)

*In 1991, voters amended the State Constitution providing for local elections to be held in even-numbered years. As a result, the Commissioners elected to serve in 1994 served a three-year term beginning in January 1994 and ending in December 1996.

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF MAYORS
for City of Bowling Green, Kentucky
(Term of office is four years)

DATES OF SERVICE

MAYOR

1870-1871	Dr. Thomas B. Wright
1871-1872	John C. Underwood
1872-1874	Henry C. Hines
1874-1880	John H. Mallory
1880-1884	Henry C. Hines
1884-1888	Henry E. Jenkins
1888-1891	Col. Thomas J. Smith
1891-1892	James K. Forbes
1892-1898	John H. Mallory
1898-1902	Dr. Gilson E. Townsend
1902-1903	John H. Mallory
1903	Frank L. Kister, Sr.
1903-1909	George T. Wilson
1909-1913	Dr. Gilson E. Townsend
1913-1917	A.Y. Patterson
1917-1921	Col. William H. Jones
1921-1925	Henry E. Stone
1925-1929	A. Scott Hines
1929-1933	John B. Rodes
1933-1937	Dr. B.S. Rutherford
1937-1941	Thomas B. Callis
1941-1942	A. Scott Hines
1942-1945	Gaston W. Cole
1945-1947	D.D. Spenser
1947-1949	Henry J. Potter
1949-1953	Elvis R. Campbell
1953-1959	C.W. Lampkin
1959-1963	Robert D. Graham
1964	James H. Topmiller
1964-1965	Walter F. Weis
1965-1967	Robert E. Petrie
1968-1971	Robert D. Graham
1972-1975	Dr. Spero G. Kereiakes
1976-1979	B.L. "Bernie" Steen
1980-1983	Harold Asher Miller
1984-1987	Charles A. Hardcastle

DATES OF SERVICE

MAYOR

1988-1991	Patsy Sloan (first woman Mayor in Bowling Green)
1992-1995	Johnny Webb
1996-2000	Eldon J. Renaud*
2001-2004	Sandy Jones
2005-2008	Elaine Nogay Walker
2009-2011	Elaine Nogay Walker
2011	Joe W. Denning
2011 – 2012	Bruce Wilkerson (special election – 1 year term)

*As a result of an amendment to the State Constitution which provided for local elections to be held in even-numbered years, the term of office for Mayor Eldon Renaud is five (5) years. His term of office will expire in December 2000.

COMMON COUNCIL

1948*

January 1948:

Bordes

L. D. Botts

W. A. Bryant

Milton Hancock

Lightfoot

Logan

Lovejoy

Manning

O'Connor

Tabor

Taylor

J. Frank Thomas

April 1948:

Mr. Warren was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the leaving of Mr. Lightfoot.

May 1948:

Earl P. Wingfield was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Logan.

C. A. Porter was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Tabor.

Claude H. Lowe was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Manning.

November 1948:

Robert Petrie was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of W. A. Bryant.

1949

Bordes

L. D. Botts

Milton Hancock

Lovejoy

Claude H. Lowe

O'Connor

Robert Petrie

C. A. Porter

Taylor

J. Frank Thomas

Warren

Earl P. Wingfield

* All records prior to 1948 are in the
Archives in Frankfort.

1950

Felix Allen
Jewell R. Bettersworth
Clem G. Childress
Thomas L. Diemer
Wayne C. Duckett
Joe T. Fuqua
M. E. Holton
A. J. Miller
Robert W. Moulder
Joe H. Rust
George C. Wilcoxson
George M. Williamson

1951

(No change from 1950)

1952

January 1952:

Felix Allen
Jewell R. Bettersworth
Clem G. Childress
Thomas L. Diemer
Wayne C. Duckett
Joe T. Fuqua
M. E. Holton
A. J. Miller
Robert W. Moulder
Joe H. Rust
George C. Wilcoxson
George M. Williamson

March 1952:

With the establishment of the Board of Aldermen (March 24, 1952) Allen, Diemer, Miller and Moulder resigned their positions to become Aldermen.

Robert G. Cochran, J. B. Gross, Earl Mosley, and W. R. Patterson were appointed to fill the vacancies created by the establishment of the Board of Aldermen.

1953

January 1953:

Paul Cassady

Guy Cornwell

W. D. Fiser

James B. Gorin

Hubert Hardaway

J. H. Johnson

Estes Jones

J. Ray Lowe

Curtis Peay

Arthur Ringlewood

B. W. Smith

Aubrey Thomas

May 1953:

Harold Batsell was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Paul Cassady.

July 1953:

Joe T. Williams was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of J. Ray Lowe.

1954

January 1954:

Guy Cornwell

W. D. Fiser

James B. Gorin

Hubert Hardaway

A. F. Hewitt

J. H. Johnson

Estes Jones

Curtis Peay

Arthur Ringlewood

B. W. Smith

Aubrey Thomas

Joe T. Williams

April 1954:

C. C. Coleman was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of B. W. Smith.

May 1954:

Vernon Bettersworth was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Arthur Ringlewood.

June 1954:

Hubert H. Houtchens was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Guy Cornwell.

1955

January 1955:

Vernon Bettersworth

C. C. Coleman

W. D. Fiser

James B. Gorin

Hubert Hardaway

A. F. Hewitt

Hubert H. Houtchens

J. H. Johnson

Estes Jones

Curtis Peay

Aubrey Thomas

Joe T. Williams

February 1955:

Sylvan Bordes was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of J. H. Johnson.

James B. Gorin and Aubrey Thomas also resigned. No replacements were named at this time.

June 1955:

Nat Gilmore was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Aubrey Thomas.

July 1955:

B. M. Robinson was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of James B. Gorin.

December 1955:

James H. Lyle was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of C. C. Coleman.

1956

January 1956:

Vernon Bettersworth

Garnett Cohron

W. D. Fiser

Nat Gilmore

Hubert Hardaway

A. F. Hewitt

Hubert H. Houtchens

James H. Lyle

Preston Miller

B. M. Robinson

Joe T. Williams

(One vacancy existed due to the resignation of J. B. Gross, Councilman elect --- he did not qualify for the position)

(January 3, 1956)

A second vacancy was created by the resignation of W. D. Fiser. He was appointed as the newly created 5th Alderman.

(January 16, 1956)

Preston Moore and Sylvan Bordes were appointed to fill the two existing vacancies.

1957

January 1957:

Vernon Bettersworth

Sylvan Bordes

Garnett Cohron

George Dillard
Nat Gilmore
Hubert Hardaway
Hubert H. Houtchens
Norman Lewis
Preston Miller
Preston Moore
B. M. Robinson
Joe T. Williams
Hubert Hardaway resigned. No replacement was named at this time.

February 1957:
C. C. Coleman was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Hubert Hardaway.

May 1957:
James A. Jenkins was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of B. M. Robinson.

June 1957:
Preston Miller and Preston Moore both resigned their positions. No replacements were named at this time.

August 1957:
Miles McQueen was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Preston Miller.

Howard Johnson was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Preston Moore.

September 1957:
Hubert H. Houtchens resigned his position. No replacement was named at this time.

October 1957:
Jerry Moore was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Hubert H. Houtchens.

December 1957:
Russell Christian and C. D. Smith were appointed to fill vacancies created by the resignations of Miles McQueen and Sylvan Bordes.
1958

January 1958:
Vernon Bettersworth
Russell Christian
Garnett Cohron
C. C. Coleman
George Dillard
Nat Gilmore
James A. Jenkins
Howard Johnson
Norman Lewis
Jerry Moore
C. D. Smith
Joe T. Williams

September 1958:
J. C. McClellan was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Howard Johnson.

Jerry Moore resigned his position. No replacement was named at this time.

1959

January 1959:
Vernon Bettersworth
Russell Christian
Garnett Cohron
C. C. Coleman
George Dillard
James A. Jenkins
Norman Lewis
J. C. McClellan
C. D. Smith
William D. Townes
Joe T. Williams

April 1959:
Edward R. Henderson was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Jerry Moore.

1960

January 1960:

Ray Buckberry

Garnett Cohron

C. C. Coleman

George Dillard

Edward R. Henderson

James A. Jenkins

Norman V. Lewis

J. C. McClellan

Earl Musgrave

W. Elvis Smith

William D. Townes

Joe T. Williams

November 1960:

George Dillard resigned his position. No replacement was named at this time.

1961

Ray Buckberry

Garnett Cohron

C. C. Coleman

Edward R. Henderson

Henry E. Hills

James A. Jenkins

Earl Musgrave

Harold B. Price

W. Elvis Smith

Paul Steen

William D. Townes

Albert J. Vinson

1962

January 1962:

Ray Buckberry
Garnett Cohron
C. C. Coleman
Edward R. Henderson
Henry E. Hills
James A. Jenkins
Earl Musgrave
Harold B. Price
W. Elvis Smith
Paul Steen
William D. Townes
Albert J. Vinson

May 1962:

William D. Townes was killed in a plane crash. No replacement was named at this time.

August 1962:

Thomas L. Diemer was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of William D. Townes.

1963

Ray Buckberry
Garnett Cohron
C. C. Coleman
Thomas L. Diemer
Edward R. Henderson
Henry E. Hills
James A. Jenkins
Earl Musgrave
Harold B. Price
W. Elvis Smith
Paul Steen
Albert J. Vinson

1964

January 1964:

Thomas Carter

C. C. Coleman

Gene Deaton

Thomas L. Diemer

Charles E. Hampton

Henry E. Hills

Joe Hunt Jr.

Thomas L. Montgomery

Harold Price

R. C. Shive

Paul Steen

Albert Vinson

April 1964:

Robert Baldwin was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas L. Montgomery.

July 1964:

Spero (Pete) Gouvas filled the position of C.E. Hampton while on temporary leave (7/2/64 to 9/7/64).

1965

January 1965:

Robert L. Baldwin

Thomas Carter

Charles L. Clark

Gene Deaton

Thomas L. Diemer

Charlie M. Estes

Charles E. Hampton

Henry Hills

Joe Hunt

R. C. Shive

Jack Sublett

Albert Vinson

June 1965:

Charles Hensley was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of R. C. Shive.

October 1965:

Ernest C. Miller was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles Hensley.

1966

January 1966:

Thomas Carter
Charles L. Clark
Gene Deaton
Thomas L. Diemer
Charlie M. Estes
Henry Hills
Joe Hunt
Charles E. Meeks
Ernest C. Miller
William Frank Newman
Jack Sublett
Albert Vinson

November 1966:

William Frank Newman resigned his position. No replacement was named at this time.

1967

Thomas Carter
Charles L. Clark
Thomas L. Diemer
Charlie M. Estes
Henry Hills
F. Robert Hunt
William B. Lawson
Ernest C. Miller
Jack Sublett
Albert Vinson
Charles Wilson

END OF CITY COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
(Established March 24, 1952)

1952

Felix Allen
Thomas L. Diemer
A. J. Miller
R. W. Moulder

1953

January 1953:
Gaston Cole
C. W. Lampkin
J. P. Masters
S. K. Welch

December 1953:
J. H. Covington was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of C.W. Lampkin --- to take the position of Mayor.

1954

January 1954:
Gaston Cole
J. H. Covington
J. P. Masters
S. K. Welch

December 1954:
Joseph Rabold was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of J. H. Covington.

1955

January 1955:

Gaston W. Cole

J. P. Masters

Joseph Rabold

James H. Topmiller presented an election certificate but declined acceptance of the office.

February 1955:

B. C. Parker was appointed to fill the position made vacant by James H. Topmiller.

December 1955:

An Ordinance passed by the General Council increased the number of Aldermen from 4 to 5.

1956

James B. Gorin

W. D. Fiser

J. P. Masters

Aubrey Thomas

Joseph Rabold

1957

January 1957:

James B. Gorin

John Hanley

Paul McGinley

Aubrey Thomas

Harold Warren

April 1957:

James A. Hawkins was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Harold Warren.

1958

James B. Gorin
John Hanley
James A. Hawkins
Paul McGinley
Aubrey Thomas

1959

Nat Gilmore
James B. Gorin
John Hanley
Paul McGinley
Aubrey Thomas

1960

Vernon Bettersworth
Nat Gilmore
John Hanley
Duncan L. Hines
Paul McGinley

1961

January 1961
Vernon Bettersworth
Paul Clark
Nat Gilmore
Duncan L. Hines
James B. Shipley

February 1961:
Hugh Howell was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the removal of James B. Shipley.

1962

Paul J. Clark
David Cooksey
Nat Gilmore
Duncan L. Hines
Hugh Howell

1963

Paul J. Clark
David Cooksey
Nat Gilmore
Duncan L. Hines
Hugh Howell

1964

January 1964:
Paul J. Clark
David Cooksey
Nat Gilmore
Henry J. Potter, Sr.
Walter Weis

June 1964:
Edward E. VanZandt was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of David Cooksey.

1965

Ray B. Buckberry
C. C. Coleman
Henry J. Potter, Sr.
Harold B. Price
Edward E. VanZandt

1966

Ray B. Buckberry
C. C. Coleman
Henry J. Potter, Sr.
Harold B. Price
Edward E. VanZandt

1967

Ray B. Buckberry
C. C. Coleman
Henry J. Potter, Sr.
Harold B. Price
Edward E. VanZandt

END OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
(First meeting was held December 5, 1949)

December 1949 to November 1952

C. A. Porter
E. M. Sledge
A. J. Thurman

December 1952 to December 1956

William N. Aspley
Robert D. Graham
Duncan L. Hines

January 1957

William N. Aspley resigned his position.

March 1957

Jesse Spalding was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William N. Aspley.

August 1959

C. A. Porter was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Robert D. Graham.

1960

January 1960:
Duncan L. Hines
C. A. Porter
Jesse Spalding

Baily Butler was appointed to fill a vacancy created when Duncan Hines was elected as an Alderman.

February 1960 to December 1963

Bailey Butler
C. A. Porter
Jesse Spalding

1964

January 1964:
Raymond Hunt
I. H. Jenkins
W. C. Wade

February 1964:
Terah Flaherty was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the death of I. H. Jenkins.

February 1964 to May 1966

Terah Flaherty
Raymond Hunt
W. C. Wade

June 1966

Paul McG Miller was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the death of Raymond Hunt.

June 1966 to December 1967

Terah Flaherty
Paul McG Miller
W. C. Wade

END OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS