



**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR EXEMPT POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**The City of Gustavus invites applications for the position of City Administrator.**

Gustavus is an Alaska second-class city, with a 2020 census population of 655, located on Icy Strait in northern Southeast Alaska. Gustavus is the gateway to Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and is renowned for its superb natural environment and friendly small-town atmosphere.

**Hours:** The City Administrator position is a regular full-time, exempt salary position. The Administrator is expected to attend City Council work sessions, general meetings, and special meetings or community events when requested by the Council or Mayor.

**Wage range:** \$80,000-\$100,000/year. Depending on qualifications and experience. The City sets pay rates competitively for the position responsibilities and raises rates annually with inflation.

**Position Summary:** The City Administrator is the City's chief of staff and manages the operations of the City under general direction from the Mayor and the City Council. Responsibilities include management and oversight of City departments and functions as delegated by the Mayor/Council, and coordination of special projects. The City Administrator advises the City Council in developing policies through ordinances, resolutions, and directives, and is responsible for policy implementation. Please see attached City Administrator Position Description for essential duties and responsibilities; required minimum qualifications; desired knowledge, skills, and abilities; and Notice to City Employees.

**Supervision:** Serves at the pleasure of the City Council, with day-to-day supervision by the Mayor.

**Work location:** Generally, City Hall, but also in department facilities and at City infrastructure construction sites.

Notice:

CoG 3.03.01 (a) (3) (B) Employees shall conduct City work only within the City of Gustavus unless an employee is on an authorized business or training trip or is authorized to conduct business while on approved absence.

CoG 3.03.01 (a) (3) (D) Reasonable accommodation to facilitate the submission of an application is available on request.

CoG 3.04.02 (d) (2) The examples of duties and responsibilities included in this position description are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work typically performed. The omission of specific statements of duties and responsibilities does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

**To Apply:** Provide a cover letter, resume, and city application electronically to

clerk@gustavus-ak.gov or by mail to City of Gustavus, City Administrator Recruitment, PO Box 1, Gustavus, AK, 99826. Applications may be left in the mailbox by the City Hall door. Reasonable accommodation to facilitate the submission of an application is available on request. For more information, please contact Mike Taylor, Mayor, City of Gustavus, at 907-697-2451, or mike.taylor@gustavus-ak.gov.

**Application period:** Applications are due in City Hall by 4 pm April 28, 2022 but may be extended. This position will remain open until a qualified applicant is found. Application forms are available online at [https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/15771/cog\\_employment\\_application.08.05\\_fillable\\_1\\_0.pdf](https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/administration/page/15771/cog_employment_application.08.05_fillable_1_0.pdf)

**More Information?** Please call Gustavus City Hall at 907-697-2451.

**The City of Gustavus is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

**City of Gustavus**  
**City Administrator Position Description**

**Title: City Administrator**

**Regular Full-Time Position:** The City Administrator position is a regular full time, exempt salary position. The Administrator is expected to work 40 hours per week and to attend City Council work sessions, general meetings, and special meetings, when requested by the Mayor or the City Council.

**Supervisor:** Mayor

**Work location:** Gustavus City Hall, and at City facilities and work sites

**Summary:** The City Administrator manages the operations of the City under general direction from the Mayor and the City Council, to include management, and oversight of City departments and functions as delegated by the Mayor/Council, and coordination of special projects. The City Administrator advises the City Council in developing policies through ordinances, resolutions, and directives, and is responsible for policy implementation. This position's duties, as delegated by the Mayor/Council include:

- Serves as the administrative officer of the City and manages administrative functions (including human resource functions). Supervises five department heads plus the City Clerk. Manages and oversees city-contracted functions, including road maintenance & construction, and grant-writing.
- With Council approval, appoints and removes city personnel. Under general supervision of the Mayor/Council supervises, carries out hiring processes, trains, evaluates performance, suspends city personnel, and oversees these processes for all City employees through subordinate managers; recommends and implements policies and procedures for City functions; resolves inquiries and complaints from the public and other organizations; and establishes, monitors, and evaluates progress towards goals and objectives of the administration.
- Assists with strategic planning functions of the City; participates in planning efforts at the local and regional level; keeps City Council apprised of developments at the state and federal level that impact the City; monitors pending legislation for impact on the City; oversees compliance with new legislation; may represent Gustavus at regional conferences, task force groups, and meetings.-
- Serves as a liaison between City staff, the Mayor, and the City Council; works closely with the contracted City Attorney, auditors, and other consultants and contractors employed by the City. Manages leases: bulk fuel, generator building, telephone utilities, and gravel pit mining.
- Attends all meetings of the City Council and assists with the preparation of monthly City Council agendas. Briefs Council Members on pending agenda items and other City issues; responds to inquiries and provides Council Members with information on the status of the City operations and projects; may provide analysis to assist the Council to make informed policy decisions. In addition to council meetings, the Administrator will participate in community meetings, representing the City, when invited or appropriate.

- In conjunction with the City Treasurer, may perform financial and managerial analyses for the Mayor and City Council pertaining to City operations and programs under consideration; gathers relevant information, evaluates data, and makes recommendations based on findings; prepares reports; and makes presentations to the City Council and other interested parties.
- Assists with the development of annual Operating Budget in conjunction with the Mayor and City Treasurer;
- Assists with the implementation of, and updates to, the Capital Improvement Plan in conjunction with the Mayor and department heads; guides capital project administration, procurement, and construction and contract administration with the City Treasurer;
- Facilitates and coordinates grant writing. Writes small grant applications and coordinates with grant writers contracted to write larger grant applications.
- Oversees Risk Management – working with the city attorney.
- Property Management – exercises custody of all City-owned property.
- Assists with administrative functions at City Hall. Works with City Clerk and City Treasurer to ensure public services are staffed appropriately.

**Qualifications:** A Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, engineering, or related field, plus a minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible professional experience in management and human resources. Alternatively, have a satisfactory equivalent combination of experience, education and training which demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the job duties. Familiarity and experience with grant writing, contract administration, project management, and financial analysis is a plus. Preferred experience working in rural Alaska. The successful applicant will be approachable and possess the ability to establish and maintain positive and cooperative working relationships with citizens, City officials, employees, businesses, and other government agencies. Must have demonstrated ability to provide effective leadership to build and maintain a positive team environment. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must.

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This position description does not constitute an employment agreement between the City of Gustavus and an applicant for the position or an employee holding the position. The position description is subject to change by the City of Gustavus, in its sole discretion, as the needs of the city and requirements of the position change.