

# List of mayors of Cleveland

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The **Mayor of Cleveland** is the chief executive of the city's government. In 1924, the mayor-council (strong mayor) form of government was replaced by a city manager plan. This was reversed in 1931. Cleveland elections were partisan, but were made nonpartisan in 1977 under the mayoral administration of Ralph J. Perk. The term of office for the mayor and members of the Cleveland City Council was traditionally two years, but was extended to four years in 1981.

Cleveland has had a total of 57 mayoral administrations, including that of the city's current mayor, Frank G. Jackson. Seven of these were nonconsecutive served terms by earlier mayors. Cleveland's official website (<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/>) lists 53 mayors; it does not count the second nonconsecutive terms of Joshua Mills, George B. Senter, and John H. Farley, and does not list Mayor Jackson. During the 2005 mayoral election, most media sources including *The Plain Dealer* and the city's major local news networks (WKYC, WEWS, WJW, and WOIO) all mistakenly referred to Jackson as Cleveland's 56th mayor.



Cleveland City Hall

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## 19th century

John W. Willey	1836–1837	Democrat
Joshua Mills	1838–1839	Whig
Nicholas Dockstader	1840	Whig
John W. Allen	1841	Whig
Joshua Mills (second)	1842	Whig
Nelson Hayward	1843	Democrat
Samuel Starkweather	1844–1845	Democrat
George Hoadley	1846	Independent
Josiah A. Harris	1847	Whig
Lorenzo A. Kelsey	1848	Democrat
Flavel W. Bingham	1849	Republican
William Case	1850–1851	Republican
Abner C. Brownell	1852–1854	Democrat
William B. Castle	1855–1856	Whig
Samuel Starkweather (second)	1857–1858	Democrat
George B. Senter	1859–1860	Republican
Edward S. Flint	1861–1862	Democrat
Irvine U. Masters	1863–1864	Republican
George B. Senter (second)	1864	Republican
Herman M. Chapin	1865–1866	Independent
Stephen Buhner	1867–1870	Democrat
Frederick W. Pelton	1871–1872	Republican
Charles A. Otis Sr.	1873–1874	Democrat
Nathan P. Payne	1875–1876	Democrat
William G. Rose	1877–1878	Republican
Rensselaer R. Herrick	1879–1882	Republican
John H. Farley	1883–1884	Democrat
George W. Gardner	1885–1886	Republican
Brenton D. Babcock	1887–1888	Democrat
George W. Gardner (second)	1889–1890	Republican
William G. Rose (second)	1891–1892	Republican
Robert Blee	1893–1894	Democrat
Robert E. McKisson	1895–1898	Republican
John H. Farley (second)	1899–1900	Democrat

## Mayors of Ohio City

Prior to its annexation, Ohio City was a separate entity and fierce rival of Cleveland. The city had eleven mayors from 1836 to 1854. The political affiliations of these mayors are currently unknown, although William B. Castle became mayor of Cleveland as a Whig after Ohio City's incorporation.

Josiah Barber	1836
Francis A. Burrows	1837
Norman C. Baldwin	1838–1839
Needham M. Standart	1840–1841
Francis A. Burrows (second)	1842
Richard Lord	1843
Daniel H. Lamb	1844–1846
David Griffith	1847
John Beverlin	1848
Thomas Burnham	1849–1850
Benjamin Sheldon	1851–1852
William B. Castle	1853–1854

## 20th century

Tom L. Johnson	1901–1909	Democrat
Herman C. Baehr	1910–1911	Republican
Newton D. Baker	1912–1915	Democrat
Harry L. Davis	1916–1919	Republican
William S. Fitzgerald	1920–1921	Republican
Frederick Kohler	1922–1923	Republican
William R. Hopkins (city manager)	1924–1929	Republican
Daniel E. Morgan (city manager)	1930–1931	Republican
Raymond T. Miller	1932–1933	Democrat
Harry L. Davis (second)	1934–1935	Republican
Harold H. Burton	1936–1940	Republican
Edward J. Blythin	1941	Republican
Frank J. Lausche	1942–1945	Democrat
Thomas A. Burke	1946–1953	Democrat
Anthony J. Celebrezze	1954–1961	Democrat
Ralph S. Locher	1962–1967	Democrat
Carl B. Stokes	1968–1971	Democrat
Ralph J. Perk	1972–1977	Republican
Dennis J. Kucinich	1977–1979	Democrat
George V. Voinovich	1980–1989	Republican
Michael R. White	1990–2001	Democrat

## 21st century

Jane L. Campbell	January 7, 2002 – January 2, 2006	Democrat
Frank G. Jackson	January 2, 2006–Present	Democrat

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## External links

- City of Cleveland: Office of the Mayor (<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/MayorsOffice>)



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