



City of Kings Mountain Appoints Todd Carpenter as New City Manager

Kings Mountain, NC – The City of Kings Mountain is pleased to announce the appointment of Todd Carpenter as its new City Manager. Following a unanimous vote by the City Council on Thursday, April 3, 2025, Mr. Carpenter has officially assumed the role on April 13, 2025.

Mr. Carpenter brings with him an impressive 39-year career in public service, having held key leadership roles in local government. His extensive experience includes serving as a software developer, advancing through several critical IT positions—including Chief Information Officer—before transitioning into executive leadership as Assistant City Manager, HR Director, and ultimately Deputy City Manager for the City of Gastonia. He retired from Gastonia after 38 years of distinguished service.

Since his retirement, Mr. Carpenter has continued to serve local communities in interim capacities, most recently as Interim County Manager for Cleveland County in 2023. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.) in Management Information Systems from Western Carolina University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Gardner-Webb University.

A lifelong resident of Cleveland County, Mr. Carpenter and his wife, Lisa, reside in Shelby, NC. They are proud parents of two children and grandparents to three grandchildren.

For the past three months, Mr. Carpenter has served as the Interim City Manager for the City of Kings Mountain. During this time, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership, bringing unity to the organization and laying a solid foundation for future progress.

Reflecting on his appointment, Mr. Carpenter shared,

“My tenure as Interim Manager has been a great experience. It’s exciting to know that I now have the opportunity to continue the work that has begun. I’m looking forward to working with City Council, staff, and our citizens to move this community forward. I want to thank my staff for all the support they have given me over the last three months, and I want to thank City Council for the confidence they have shown in me. I’m excited about this opportunity and I will work hard to serve the citizens of Kings Mountain.”

The City Council invites the community to join them in congratulating Mr. Carpenter on his new role. His leadership, experience, and deep roots in the region position him well to guide Kings Mountain into a bright and prosperous future.

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