

Understanding Naivasha Municipality: Our Role, Our Mandate, and How Governance Works

To many residents and visitors, governance can feel complex. From national policy down to daily neighborhood service delivery, understanding who does what is essential for civic engagement. The Naivasha Municipality operates as an administrative arm established under the Urban Areas and Cities Act, working under the leadership of the County Government of Nakuru. While we operate under the overarching policies of both county and national leadership, our focus is hyper-local: managing, developing, and elevating Naivasha into a clean, safe, and economically vibrant hub.



Naivasha Modern Market

How Governance Is Divided: National vs. County vs. Municipality

Understanding where municipal governance fits requires looking at the three distinct layers of public administration. Each tier carries unique obligations that collectively ensure seamless service delivery and sustainable development across our region.

Governance Level	Key Focus	Core Responsibilities
National Government	Policy, Defense & Economy	Foreign affairs, national security, national trunk roads, energy policy, national treasury, and judicial systems.
County Government (Nakuru)	Sub-National Policy & Devolved Services	County legislation, county-wide health systems, agriculture, regional trade development, and county spatial planning.
Naivasha Municipality	Urban Management & Local Service Delivery	CBD regeneration, municipal road maintenance, solid waste collection, street lighting, public markets, and urban zoning.

The Core Mandate of Naivasha Municipality

While the Nakuru County Government formulates broad sector policies, the Municipal Board and Municipal Manager's Office execute day-to-day urban management tasks within municipal boundaries. Urban Planning and Development Control serves as a crucial pillar, regulating land use, approving building plans, and enforcing development guidelines to prevent informal expansion while protecting the fragile ecosystems surrounding Lake Naivasha.

In terms of physical infrastructure and CBD regeneration, the municipality actively designs, constructs, and maintains non-motorized transport walkways, municipal link roads, stormwater drainage networks, and high-mast street lighting. Public Health, Sanitation, and Environmental initiatives complement these structural works through structured solid waste management, the upkeep of public parks and green spaces, and stringent hygiene compliance across public markets and slaughterhouses.



municipal non-motorized transport walkway construction

Local Economic and Market Development remains central to community prosperity, providing safe, structured commercial environments for traders, street vendors, and micro-enterprises. Furthermore, Disaster Management and Public Safety efforts ensure swift, coordinated responses to urban fire hazards, extreme weather flooding, and emergency situations across municipal estates and waterfront areas.

How Citizens Can Engage

A municipality thrives on public participation. Through barazas, public forums, and stakeholder committees, residents directly influence municipal plans, annual budget allocations, and urban development projects under the Kenya Urban Support Program (KUSP II). Whether attending a town hall on road upgrades or providing feedback through our Grievance Redress Mechanism, your voice shapes how Naivasha grows.



Stakeholder meeting and public participation