The City of Oceanside is located in northern coastal San Diego County and is bordered by the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to the north; the City of Vista to the east; the City of Carlsbad to the south; and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Oceanside is the third most-populous city in San Diego County.

As of 2014, the City of Oceanside has an estimated population of 171,183, which is projected to increase to 217,364 by 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

The City of Oceanside is governed by a five-member City Council. The Mayor and Council members are elected at-large for staggered four-year terms.

The adopted Sphere of Influence for the City of Oceanside is coterminous with the City's boundary.

The City of Oceanside provides fire protection, police, wastewater, and water services city-wide.

The Rainbow Municipal Water District and the Vista Irrigation District provide water to limited eastern portions of Oceanside. The Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (a dependent district of the City of Oceanside) is responsible for public marine facilities and leasehold improvements in Oceanside Harbor and adjacent Oceanside shoreline. Trash hauling and disposal services are provided by contract with Waste Management, Inc.

**CITY CHARACTERISTICS**

- **Incorporation Date:** July 3, 1888
- **Population:** 171,183 (2014, SANDAG)
- **District Area:** 42.2 Sq. Miles
- **Land Area:** 26,986 Acres
- **Governance:** General Law City; elected at large
- **City Council Meetings:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
- **Planning Commission:** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 p.m.
- **Sphere of Influence:** Coterminous
- **Sphere Adopted:** February 27, 1978
- **Sphere Reaffirmed:** March 3, 2008
- **General Plan Adoption Date:** 2009

**Primary Service Providers:**
City of Oceanside (Fire Protection, Police, Water and Wastewater Services); Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (Harbor Services); Waste Management, Inc. (Trash Hauling and Disposal Service); Rainbow Municipal Water District and Vista Irrigation District (Water Service).

**Contact Information**

- **Address:** 300 North Coast Highway
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- **City Hall Phone:** 760/435-3000
- **Police Department (Non Emergencies):** 760/435-4900
- **Fire Department (Non Emergencies):** 760/435-4100
- **Planning Department:** 760/435-3520
- **Website:** http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us