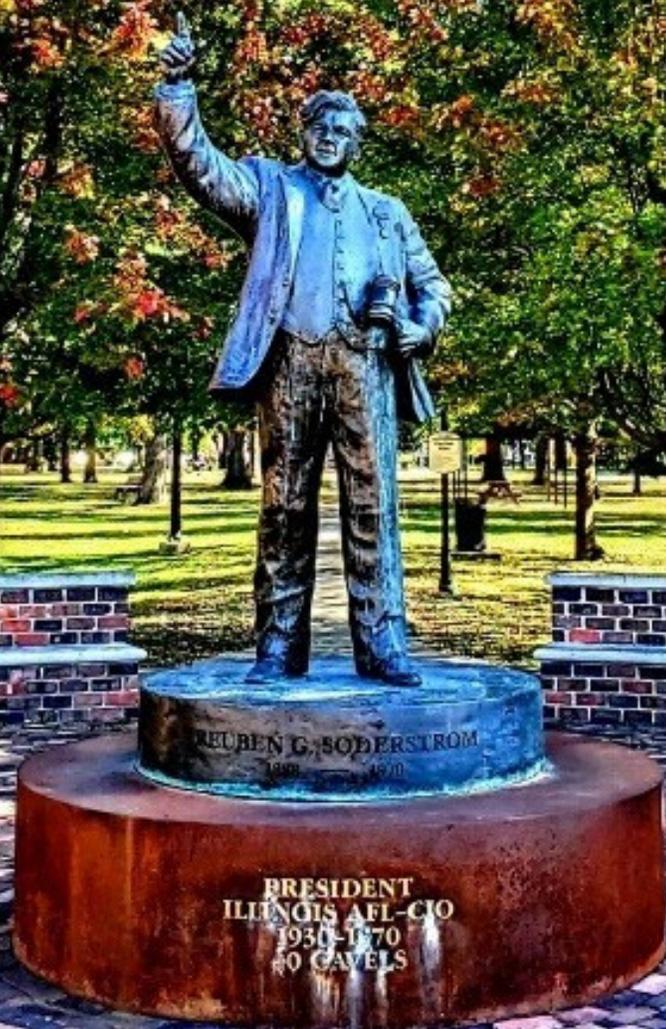


City of Streator, Illinois City Manager Recruitment Brochure



THE COMMUNITY



Streator is a strategically located and affordable community less than 100 miles southwest of Chicago, positioned near I-39, I-55, and I-80 and served by three railroads, including two Class I lines. Its compact development pattern allows for easy mobility, short commute times, and minimal congestion. With a low cost of living and a safe, small-town atmosphere, Streator offers high quality of life while remaining focused on economic growth and revitalization.

Rich in ethnic heritage, Streator was shaped by Slovak, Polish, German, Italian, Welsh, and other immigrant communities and remains proud of its cultural roots. The city produced notable innovators such as Burt Baskin, co-founder of Baskin-Robbins, and Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of Pluto.

Today, Streator supports entrepreneurs and small businesses through local economic development initiatives and technical assistance programs. The community is further strengthened by a strong culture of volunteerism, with residents actively engaged in civic organizations, youth programs, events, and community improvement efforts—demonstrating a shared commitment to the city's continued success.

Demographics

Population

Total 12,500

Density Per Sq. Mile 2,132

Land Sq. Miles 5.77

Economic Data

Total Budget \$27,000,000

Median House Value \$87,659

Med. Household Income \$55,300



GOVERNMENT

Streator operates under the statutory City Manager form of government, providing a clear and effective governance structure that emphasizes professional management, accountability, and strong collaboration between the City Council and executive leadership. This structure ensures that policy direction is set by elected officials while day-to-day operations are managed by an appointed professional administrator.

The City is governed by an elected Mayor and four elected Council Members who convene in open meetings by-monthly to enact ordinances, establish policies, and discuss matters affecting the community. This transparent and structured approach promotes responsible decision-making and maintains a strong focus on serving the needs and priorities of Streator residents.

Mayor - Tara Bedei

Council Members - Daniel Danko, Tim Geary, David Reed, & Scott Scheuer



DEPARTMENTS

The City of Streator is supported by a dedicated team of 74 full-time and part-time employees who work collaboratively to serve and strengthen the community. United as a team, staff are committed to professionalism, efficiency, and continuous improvement in delivering quality municipal services.

Streator is organized into eight departments: Administration, Anderson Field Golf Course, Community Development, Engineering, Fire, Finance, Police, and Public Works. Together, these departments provide comprehensive services that enhance quality of life, support economic growth, and ensure the safety and well-being of residents.



IDEAL CANDIDATE

- ★ Energetic, positive, and visible leader who is actively engaged and present in the community
- ★ Patient and responsive communicator who listens well and shares hard truths with clarity and transparency
- ★ Forward-thinking professional with new, big ideas and a record of prior success in other communities
- ★ Strong budgeting, fiscal management, and grant writing skills
- ★ Skilled in human resources and team development
- ★ Aggressive and strategic in recruiting and retaining businesses

Personal Traits

- Trustworthy
- Open-minded
- Organized
- Focused
- Enthusiastic
- Approachable

Professional Skills

- Budgeting
- Economic Development
- Grant Procurement
- Labor Relations
- Strategic Planning
- Finance



Position Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in public administration, business administration, political science, law, engineering or related field (Master's degree preferred).
- ICMA-CM is preferred
- A minimum of 2 to 5 years of executive municipal leadership experience

Compensation and Benefits

- The salary range for this position is \$140,000 to \$155,000
- The City of Streator offers a comprehensive and competitive benefits package, including a vehicle allowance, family health insurance, paid leave, and professional development support.
- Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) ensures long-term financial security.
- The City values work-life balance and offers 3 personal days plus your birthday, 12 paid holidays, 20 days of vacation upon hire, and 10 days of sick leave upon hire.
- Professional growth is encouraged through City-paid training opportunities and professional memberships, reflecting the City's commitment to continuous development and leadership excellence.
- Additional benefits include 5 months of severance pay and up to \$10,000 in relocation assistance, reimbursable with documentation.

Application Process:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five professional references to:
apply@arndtmunicipalsupport.com

Confidential inquiries may be directed to:
James W. Arndt, President & CEO
Arndt Municipal Support, Inc.
(217) 500-0770

Apply by March 23, 2026. Finalists will be subject to background checks, a DISC Behavior Assessment, and in-depth interviews.

The City of Streator, Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

