



Ken Grimes, Jr.- BIO
City Administrator / Parks & Recreation Director
City of Orange Beach, Alabama

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Ken Grimes is the City Administrator for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama and he has worked with the city since November of 2002. Ken was appointed City Administrator on June 10, 2008 where his duties are to manage the day to day operations of the city and a \$50 Million annual budget which includes a \$38 Million General Fund budget and presently has over 325 full time employees and serves a unique population of just under 6,000 permanent residents but any given day a total population that ranges from 25,000 in the winter to over 100,000 people in the summer.

Ken continues to serve additional roles since 2008 as Parks & Recreation Director, Economic Developer and the Public Information Officer for the city.

Prior to his city roles, Ken was President and CEO of the Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce with over 8 years in the chamber business. Ken holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Troy State University and a Master of Science in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ken received the Sam Gaston Vocational Excellence Award from the Alabama City County Management Association in 2016 and completed the Local Government Professional Management Certification for ACCMA / Auburn University in 2017. He and his wife Kelly live in Orange Beach as empty nesters with two daughters in college.