

Answer Key

Local Government: Municipality



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In the United States, government is in three main levels: federal, state and local. One type of local government is a municipality. A municipality may be a city, town, or village. Municipalities are usually led by city council, which is a group of elected officers. The head of the city council is the mayor. Many municipalities also have a city manager, who is in charge of the daily operations of the city.

Municipalities provide services to the citizens, such as police protection, fire protection, and transportation. The center of the municipal government is called city hall, which may be one building, or in large cities, many different buildings.

Typical Municipal Services

- Police
- Fire
- Emergency Services, such as ambulances
- Emergency Management, for hurricanes and earthquakes
- Planning and Zoning, which decides how and where the city will grow
- Transportation, such as buses and subways
- Parks and Recreation
- Utilities, such as electricity and water
- Municipal Court, which decides cases based on the laws of the city
- Public Works, which takes care of streets and sewers, and collects trash
- Economic Development, which encourages tourism and business
- Tax Collection
- Library
- Housing



Municipal Word Search

Locate and circle each of these words in the puzzle. Words can go up, down, backwards or diagonally.

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| municipal | library | emergency |
| mayor | parks | city |
| council | government | town |
| police | utilities | village |

Word search grid with circled words:

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N F W R D U Q C C T U Z H V Y
P A R K S V T O D B Y T E R V
X L I Z G G U I O N A A C M O
Z A S I M N H T L S A D I K E
M U N I C I P A L I T K L U M
H Q D I P C V Z D O T K O R E
E W L Z T G S X J N B I P I R
G G F O D D U C E Y U B E Y G
R T A X D S C M L R S Q U S E
T O F L V I N I O D P L E Q N
A W N I L R F Y T J N M S Q C
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J J I V O M V O Y R A R B I L
W R O B V C K Z Y I D V N R Z
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Q&A	Who is the head of the city council? the mayor	What is the center of municipal government? city hall
	What does economic development encourage? business and tourism	Which service decides how the city will grow? planning and zoning