

# 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.

<b>municipal</b>	<b>library</b>	<b>emergency</b>
<b>mayor</b>	<b>parks</b>	<b>city</b>
<b>council</b>	<b>government</b>	<b>town</b>
<b>police</b>	<b>utilities</b>	<b>village</b>

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  
U N S L E I A K A Y U A I K Y  
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  
Z G J N R L M Q C X A J A D T

<b>Q&amp;A</b>	Who is the head of the city council?	What is the center of municipal government?
	What does economic development encourage?	Which service decides how the city will grow?