

Local Governments

The government of a city, town or village is called a municipal government. This level of government is responsible for local services, such as fire protection, city streets and recreational facilities

Mayor/President

The Mayor/President is the chief executive officer of the City as well as the presiding officer for the City Council. The Mayor's formal, legal duties are enumerated in State Statutes and local ordinances, and include enforcement of all laws and ordinances, oversight of the general operations of the City and designation as local liquor control commissioner. The Mayor also has the power to veto ordinances passed by the Council.

Clerks

Clerks are responsible for managing and maintaining historical and public records, organizing documentation, help run meetings and distribute agendas, take minutes, publicize all information which is required to be publicized by law, and providing customer service to residents needing information. In some communities, clerks are elected officials, while in others, they are appointed by city officials.

Treasurer for City/Town/Municipal

The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the municipality and keep the Treasurer's books and accounts in the manner prescribed by ordinance. The Treasurer shall keep a separate account of each fund or appropriation, shall issue receipts for payments, provides treasurer reports as needed, shall prepare an account of moneys received and expenditures incurred and all warrants redeemed, as needed, and oversee the deposit of municipal funds and their investment.

Trustee/Commissioner/Board Member/Alderman

A board is made up of a group of individuals either appointed or elected to manage and govern the assets of an endowment, charitable foundation, trust, or nonprofit organization. The board's utmost duty is to protect the organization's best interests through decisions made on its behalf.

Members are responsible for strategic governances and oversight, service the organization's community, managing budgets, setting policies, overseeing personnel, setting goals, measuring goals and achievements. To provide leadership and oversight so the organization can reach its goals and achieve its mission.

They create, pass, and amends local laws, and approve the budget. Oversee the county's management and administration, representing county interests at the state and federal level, participating in long-range planning and managing the county budget and finances.