Lesson 4   Local Government: Municipality

Name _____

In the United States, government is in three levels, federal, state and local. One type of local government is a municipality. A municipality may be a city, town or village. Municipality is usually led by a mayor, which is the head of the city council. Depending on the size of the city they may also have a city manager who is in charge of the daily operations of the city.

The city or municipality also have the following services for their citizens: For protection they have the Police to assist in keeping the city under control. The Fireman depending on the size of the city may be part time volunteers or full time. They are needed to protect the citizens from fires. The city service department that makes sure the water, sewer and streets are safe, clean and quality of support to make sure everyone is happy in the city.

The main center of the municipality is called the city hall. Again depending on the size of the city will determine the size of city hall. All of the above are supported by taxes. Citizens pay taxes to keep their municipality the level of quality they wish to obtain.

Typical City Services

Police
Fire
Emergency
Services – such
As ambulances
Planning & Zoning
1. *City council decides zones, and how and where the city will place certain buildings and what the buildings in that zone may sell.*
2. *Parks & Recreation - will determine and upkeep of the parks and swimming pool*
3. *Municipal Court – Decides cases depending what laws have been broken or need to be amended.*
4. *Public Works- Takes care of the sewers and make sure water and gas is working correctly.*
5. *Library – Make sure that the citizens are able to maintain a level of education.*
6. *School District - Students of citizens are provided with a sold education.*

Q & A

What are the levels of government in the U.S.?

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 What is the name of the center of the municipal government?

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Who is the head of the city council?

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What department supports the citizens if help is needed?

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