**Chapter 9 “Local Government”**

***Chapter 9.1 –Units of Local Government***

**Local Governments**

* Local governments are established by and given powers from the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*.**
  + They define their powers, responsibilities, and organization by a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** from the state. A charter is a legal written document that establishes the organization of a local government (town, city, etc.)
  + Local governments provide services such as: maintaining ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, providing running ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, monitoring sewage systems, constructing sidewalks, street cleaning, and providing ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.
  + Local governments also supervise privately owned ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** systems. (City of Tallahassee Utilities; StarMetro Bus)
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***(also called towns, townships, villages, cities) are a unit of local government that is incorporated by the state and have self-government.
  + The main job for municipalities is to ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** for citizens.
* It is the job of local governments to make communities better places to live by passing ordinances.
* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** are laws (regulations) that govern a local community. They cannot conflict with ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** or ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*** *What prevents local laws from overriding state/federal laws?*
* Local law enforcement groups are in charge of ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** both ordinances and state laws.

**Ordinances, Statutes, and Acts**

* Statutes are laws passed by a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** legislative body. They are NOT passed by ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** or ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.
* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** are passed at the federal level and are federal laws. These laws will be enforced by federal agencies NOT ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** or ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** agencies.

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| * + ***Local*** | * + ***State*** | * + ***Federal*** |
| * + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are made by councils and commissions.   Each county, city or municipality handles lawmaking differently. | * + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are made by state legislatures. | * + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are made by our federal legislature, called Congress. |

**Organization and Purpose of** **County Government:**

* A ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** is a division of state government formed to carry out state laws. There are ***\_\_\_\_*** counties in Florida and each county creates its own government.
* In Leon County, the county board is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and forms the legislative body.
* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** supervises elections; enforces state laws; collects taxes; and provides health and welfare services, libraries, roads, and schools.
* The citizens of Leon County vote for the commissioner of their district (there are five districts) and for two ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** seats.
* At-Large means that these officials ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
* There are seven commissioners in total and they vote on ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** brought up at ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***meetings.
* County officials include a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and deputies, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, treasurer, auditor, district attorney, tax collector, and supervisor of elections.

***Chapter 9.2 - Town, Township, Village, and City Governments***

**Types of Municipalities**

* There are many different types of municipalities (local governments) that exist across America.
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** – are the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** of municipal government in Florida and are created when populations grow and need to organize.
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** – originated in the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** area and many towns there still practice ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***; towns generally have larger populations and require more local services.
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** – is the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** kind of municipality. The state governments grant ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** which allows cities to be created by ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** that are approved by the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.

**How Are Cities Formed?**

* Cities are created when ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** and need to organize.
* They are ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** municipalities – which means they choose their leaders, pass ordinances, etc.
* City governments collect taxes and provide ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
* The city of Tallahassee is governed by a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** with an executive called, ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***.

**Tallahassee Government**

***Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

Roles of the Mayor:

* + Presides at ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/***(ceremonial leader)
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** city ordinances
  + He has no ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** *and o*nly one vote along with the Commission.

**City Commission**

* The City Commission meets ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** to discuss issues and work, ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*** and work on planning for the city.

The city has several other officials who are appointed to keep the city running.

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| * ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** * *City Auditor* * ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** | * *Treasurer-Clerk* * ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** * ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** |

***Chapter 9.3 - City Government***

**Forms of City Government**

* Local governments (city/county) provide a variety of ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** such as education, transportation systems, sanitation, fire and police protection, etc.
* A city government is organized in one of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ways:
  + ***1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** Government
  + ***2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***Government
  + ***3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** Government
* Mayor-council government is the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***and most ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** form of city government in America.
* The ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** is the legislative body and the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** is the city’s chief executive officer.
* There are two types of mayor-council gov’t:
  + Weak-Mayor
  + Strong-Mayor
* Under the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** government*,* the mayor is the city’s chief executive officer and ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** of the city council/commission.
  + Generally speaking, the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** holds more ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** than the mayor does individually.
  + The mayor acts as of “***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”***
* Under the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** government*,* the mayor is the city’s chief executive officer and most powerful member of a city council/commission.
  + The mayor’s primary responsibility is to ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** the city government and ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***most of the city officials and prepare city budgets.
* Another form of city government is called a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** government.
  + The commission acts as the city’s ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** body (instead of a mayor) and each ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** heads a city department
  + Some departments they oversee include:
    - ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
    - ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
    - ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
    - ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
* Under the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** voters elect a city council to act as the city’s law making body and the council appoints a city manager as the city’s chief executive.
  + Pro: The city manager are ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** (free from any political pressure) and they can be fired by the council if they don’t do their job correctly.
  + Con: Some cities ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** to hire a good manager and they argue that city officials should be ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** accountable to the voters.
* In Tallahassee, we have a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** form of local government.
  + Strong mayor who works cooperatively with a city commission and appoints a city manager.

***Chapter 9.4 - How Governments Work Together***

**Governments Cooperate to Serve the Public**

* Under the U.S. federal system of government, the ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** of each level of government are ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
  + Local
  + State
  + Federal
* The U.S. Constitution is the ***“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.*** This is stated in Article ***\_\_\_\_*** of the Constitution.
  + This means that state and local governments ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** the US Constitution.
* Many issues require ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***among local, state and federal governments.
  + For example, the nation’s roads and ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** system
  + In colonial days, building roads was a ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** project.
* President ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** was instrumental in the construction of the nation’s interstate highway system
* In 1965, Eisenhower signed legislation that funded the creation of the U.S. ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***
* Today more than 46,000 miles of interstate highways connect almost all parts of the country (The Federal Government pays ***\_\_\_\_\_\_*** of the cost, the state and local government pay the last 10%)
* Public ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** is one of the most important areas in which governments cooperate to serve the public:
  + Federal government: implement ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
  + State governments: ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
  + State boards of education: ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
  + Local school boards: ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
* ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** are federal funds given to state and local governments for specific projects like airport construction or pollution control.
* States work with local government to ensure that all industries obey all safety regulations.
* State governments establish state ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** to ensure the community has qualified professional workers. (*Teachers, nurses, hair dressers etc.)*

At the end of the day, we are all members of communities. Communities can come in many different forms – small to large… (home, neighborhood, school….city, county, state, etc.)

**Communities Provide:**

* Ways to address issues and ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
* Services that make life easier and healthier
* Services that are necessary for life
* Opportunities to ***\_\_\_\_\_\_***, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and contribute to society
* Protection, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, peace and order
* Culture, meaning (“belonging”), and education
  + ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*** Facilities to encourage health, diversion, cultural learning, and relaxation.