

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
of the **PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



RESOURCES FOR NEWLY ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

This Local Government Commission publication provides a centralized list of links to resources and contacts useful to newly elected local government officials as they begin service.

The Department of Community and Economic Development

- [Local Government Services](#), including:
 - [Municipal Statistics](#)
 - [Publications and Documents](#), including:
 - » [Borough Council Handbook](#)
 - » [Borough Mayor's Manual](#)
 - » [City Government in Pennsylvania](#)
 - » [Elective Office in Local Government](#)
 - » [Intergovernmental Cooperation Handbook](#)
 - » [Open Meetings: The Sunshine Act](#)
 - » [Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code](#)
 - » [Solicitor's Handbook](#)
 - » [Taxation Manual](#)
 - » [Township Commissioner's Handbook](#) (1st Class Townships)
 - » [Township Supervisor's Handbook](#) (2nd Class Townships)
 - [Local Tax Information](#)

The Pennsylvania General Assembly

- [Find Your Legislator](#)
- [House and Senate Session Information](#)
- [Search for Bills and Amendments](#)
- Locate [Statutes](#), [Regulations](#) and the [PA Constitution](#)

PA Ethics Commission

- [Annual Statement of Financial Interest](#)

The Local Government Commission

- What is the Local Government Commission?
 - [Commission Brochure](#)
 - [2024 Five-Year Report to the General Assembly](#)
- Research Tools and Laws, including:
 - [Pennsylvania Municipal Codes](#)
 - [PA Legislator's Municipal Deskbook](#)
 - [Quarterly Legal Update](#)
 - [Frequently Cited Municipal Laws](#)
- Current Bidding Limits, under "Quick Links" on Local Government Commission's [home page](#)

Municipal Associations

- [The Pennsylvania Municipal League](#) (3rd Class Cities & 1st Class Townships)
 - [The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners](#)
- [The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs](#)
- [The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors](#) (2nd Class Townships)
- [The Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association](#)
- [The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania](#)
- [The Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials](#)

PennDOT Municipal Services

PA Office of Open Records

Record Retention