

Unit 11 Graphic Organizer #3

SS8CG5: Local Government

County Government

Origins

- “Parishes” became “counties” after the American Revolution
- 159 Counties in GA (specified in the GA Constitution)

Functions

- Keep track of land ownership, auto registration, & keep marriage records
- Register voters, build/maintain roads, operate local courts

- operation of the local school system

How is the third function paid for?

Property tax revenue is primary funding source for local portion of school fund.

Purposes

- **serve the people at a local level**
- **provide protection for citizens**

Example:

Sheriff's Department

City Governments

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- towns & cities called “municipalities”
- cities must charge taxes to fund services

Examples: trash pickup, street lighting, parks, fire dept.

When citizens demand more services from government, what is the result?
higher taxes

Structure of City Government:

- **city council is legislative branch**
- **mayor's office is executive branch**

3 Forms of City Government:

- **Council Manager**-city manager runs city, may/may not be the mayor, if city manager is mayor they act similar to council member
- **Strong Mayor Council**- Mayor in charge with power to hire/fire, runs the city & can veto council decisions
- **Weak Mayor Council**- mayor is mostly for show, city council is in charge

Special Purpose Government

Special Purpose District

- **a special government created to serve a specific need**

Examples:

1. **School Districts**
2. **Parks and Recreation Department**
3. **Housing Authorities**

Taxes & Government

- Taxes help pay for the services that local and state government provides

What is GA's largest revenue source?

Personal Income Tax

Describe another major revenue source:

Sales Tax

Who predicts revenue each year?

Governor's office

What does this affect? Programs that are implemented or cut at the state and local level

My State Government

My Senate District is:
Answers Vary (See Map)

My State Senator is:
Answers Vary (See Map)

My House District is:
Answers Vary (See Map)

My State Representative is:
Answers Vary (See Map)

City ← My Local Government → County

-Do you live in the city limits?

Answers Vary

-If so, what city & how is the government structured?

Answers Vary, see local govt. site

-What county do you live in?

Answers Vary

-Who is/are the leader(s) of your county government?

County Commissioner/Board Names