

Municipal government is important as it allows for governing to be handled within a specific community in a way separate from the state as a whole. This communal independence from the state is important because it allows for impact to be made specifically in that community without bringing it to state level. These areas include public safety, community management, daily services, and the ability to solve problems that meet the people's wants in the community.

The reason why keeping government at a lower level than the state is important is so that problems within that community are able to be taken care of with respect for what the people want. This allows for solutions to be made regarding the specific wants and needs of the people who are part of that community, and allows the people to partake in decision making for what fits best to take action on. Town meetings are one of the best ways for people to share their feelings on certain issues, like public safety. Some examples of solutions that can be put in place through municipal government are funding of rescue forces like police and firefighters, repair of damages to property or streets and sidewalks, and development of laws as a way of protecting the people.

Municipal government can be seen in dozens of communities through many different means, in which the community itself is able to participate greatly. There are a few ways I have personally seen municipal government used in my community. I have seen changes made for trash pickup and compost in the Hyattsville area, which has made it so that the communal area is a lot cleaner with help from the townspeople. I have also seen and have been a part of a group that came together to remove an invasive species of vines growing on the trees in nearby communities to help save the trees from dying. There are always many things happening in communities to let the people help decide what problems they think need to be solved, and

allowing many in that community to help out with the process. With all that said, the importance and inclusion of municipal government is very clear and present within communities.