
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Incorporated cities and towns have their own government and defined municipal boundaries. In Maryland, most are governed by a mayor and council, though many elect town commissioners instead, and a few choose a council that appoints a city or town manager. The executive officer's term and date of election are specified in each municipal charter and differ from town to town. Many provide that the mayor shall be elected in May of every second odd-numbered year.

For each municipality, we note: the original incorporation date (by chapter and year of Act of General Assembly or by referendum); 1990 population; executive officer; street address; ZIP code; and telephone number. The list was compiled in part from information furnished by the Maryland Municipal League.

ABERDEEN (Harford County); orig. incorp. Ch. 136, Acts of 1892; pop. 13,087; Ruth E. Elliott (mayor); P.O. Box 70, 3 West Bel Air Ave., 21001; tel. (410) 272-1600, 272-2222, or 575-6569.

ACCIDENT (Garrett County); orig. incorp. Ch. 514, Acts of 1916; pop. 349; E. Wayne Fratz (mayor); P.O. Box 190, 104 S. North St., 21520; tel. (301) 746-6346.

ANNAPOLIS (Anne Arundel County); orig. incorp. Ch. 7, Acts of 1708; pop. 33,187; Alfred A. Hopkins (mayor); Municipal Bldg., 160 Duke of Gloucester St., 21401; tel. (410) 263-7940.

BALTIMORE; orig. incorp. Ch. 68, Acts of 1796; pop. 736,014; Kurt L. Schmoke (mayor); City Hall, 100 N. Holliday St., 21202; tel. (410) 396-3100.

BARCLAY (Queen Anne's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 483, Acts of 1931; pop. 170; Sharon B. Darling (commission president); P.O. Box 144, 21607; tel. (410) 438-3450.

BARNESVILLE (Montgomery County); orig. incorp. Ch. 254, Acts of 1888; pop. 170; Elizabeth H. Tolbert (commission president); P.O. Box 90, 20838; tel. (301) 972-8460.

BARTON (Allegany County); orig. incorp. Ch. 729, Acts of 1900; pop. 530; John F. Bean, Sr. (mayor); P.O. Box 153, Main St., 21521; tel. (301) 463-6347.

BEL AIR (Harford County); orig. incorp. Ch. 273, Acts of 1874; pop. 8,860; W. Eugene Graybeal (commission chair); 39 Hickory Ave., 21014; tel. (410) 638-4561 or 879-2711.

BERLIN (Worcester County); orig. incorp. Ch. 424, Acts of 1868; pop. 2,616; Chinita McAllister (mayor); 10 Williams St., 21811; tel. (410) 641-2770.

BERWYN HEIGHTS (Prince George's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 267, Acts of 1896; pop. 2,952; Thomas J. Love (mayor); 5700 Berwyn Rd., 20740; tel. (301) 474-5000.

BETTERTON (Kent County); orig. incorp. Ch. 227, Acts of 1906; pop. 360; Carolyn C. Sorge (mayor); P.O. Box 339, Third Ave., 21610; tel. (410) 348-5522.

BLADENSBURG (Prince George's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 137, Acts of 1854; pop. 8,064; H. Susanna C. Yatman (mayor); P.O. Box 39, 4229 Edmonston Ave., 20710; tel. (301) 927-7962 or 7048.

BOONSBORO (Washington County); orig. incorp. Ch. 139, Acts of 1831; pop. 2,445; Charles F. Kauffman, Jr. (mayor); 11 St. Paul St., 21713; tel. (301) 432-5141.

BOWIE (Prince George's County), formerly Huntington; orig. incorp. Ch. 488, Acts of 1882; pop. 37,589; Gary G. Allen (mayor); 2614 Kenhill Dr., 20715; tel. (301) 262-6200.

BRENTWOOD (Prince George's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 153, Acts of 1922; pop. 3,005; George D. Denny, Jr. (mayor); 4300 39th Place, 20722; tel. (301) 927-7395.

BROOKEVILLE (Montgomery County); orig. incorp. Ch. 90, Acts of 1808; pop. 54; Richard S. Allan (commission president); P.O. Box 67, 20833; tel. (301) 774-5577.

BROOKVIEW (Dorchester County); orig. incorp. Ch. 704, Acts of 1953; pop. 64; Doris M. Collins (mayor); 5633 Indian Town Rd., Rhodesdale 21659; tel. (410) 943-4285.

BRUNSWICK (Frederick County), formerly Berlin; orig. incorp. Ch. 577, Acts of 1890; pop. 5,117; Richard E. Goodrich (mayor); City Hall, 20 A St., 21716; tel. (301) 834-7500.

BURKITTSVILLE (Frederick County); orig. incorp. Ch. 652, Acts of 1894; pop. 194; Deborah Ann Aughenbaugh (mayor); P.O. Box 485, 21718; tel. (301) 834-7534.

CAMBRIDGE (Dorchester County); orig. incorp. Ch. 66, Acts of 1793; pop. 11,514; David J. Wooten, Jr. (mayor); P.O. Box 255, 307 Gay St., 21613; tel. (410) 228-4020 or 3820.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS (Prince George's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 513, Acts of 1910; pop. 3,633; Vivian M. Dodson (mayor); One Capitol Heights Blvd., 20743; tel. (301) 336-0626.

CECILTON (Cecil County); orig. incorp. Ch. 353, Acts of 1864; pop. 489; Robert B. McLennan (mayor); P.O. Box 317, 117 W. Main St., 21913; tel. (410) 275-2692.

CENTREVILLE (Queen Anne's County); orig. incorp. Ch. 23, Acts of 1794; pop. 2,097; Sara Jane Davidson (council president); P.O. Box 100, 101 Lawyer's Row, 21617; tel. (410) 758-1180.

CHARLESTOWN (Cecil County); orig. incorp. Ch. 23, Acts of 1742; pop. 578; David A. Jarinko (commission president); P.O. Box 154, 241 Market St., 21914; tel. (410) 287-6173.

CHESAPEAKE BEACH (Calvert County); orig. incorp. Ch. 203, Acts of 1886, repealed by Ch. 554, Acts of 1888, re-incorporated Ch. 245, Acts of 1894; pop. 2,403; Gerald W. Donovan (mayor); P.O. Box 400, 8200 Bayside Rd., 20732; tel. (410) 257-2230 or (301) 855-8398.