

STATUTORY REFERENCES
FOR
MARYLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

The statutory references listed below refer the code user to state statutes applicable to Maryland cities and towns. They are up to date through July 2011.

General Provisions

Definitions and classes of municipalities

Md. Const., art. XI-E, § 2; Md. Code art. 23A § 10

Home Rule

Md. Const., art. XI-E, § 3; Md. Code art. 23A § 9 et seq.

Charters

Md. Const., art. XI-E, §§ 3, 4, 6; Md. Code art. 23A § 11 et seq.

Annexations

Md. Code art. 23A § 19

Elections

Md. Code art. 23A §§ 30, 46, 47; Md. Code Elections Article § 1-101 et seq.

Municipal codes

Md. Code art. 23A § 17D et seq.

Assistance to other political subdivisions

Md. Code art. 23A § 8C

Charging document for ordinance violations

Md. Code Criminal Procedure Article § 4-107

Penalties for ordinance violations

Md. Code art. 23A § 3; art. 24 § 14-101

Administration and Personnel

Town officers

Md. Code art. 23A § 30

Immunity of municipal officials

Md. Code art. 23A § 1B; Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article § 5-507

Meetings of legislative body

Md. State Government Article § 10-501 et seq.; Md. Code art. 23A § 8

Legislative powers generally

Md. Const., art. XI-E, § 3; Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Municipal employee residency requirements

Md. Code art. 24 § 1-107

Employee merit system authorized

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(19)

Revenue and Finance

Fiscal year

Md. Code art. 19 § 35; art. 24 § 1-102

Tax and debt limitations

Md. Const., art. XI-E, § 5

Investments

Md. Code art. 95 § 22 et seq.

Sales tax

Md. Code Tax-General Article § 11-101 et seq.

Property tax

Md. Code Tax-Property Article § 6-303

Tax liens authorized

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(17)

Purchasing

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(24A)

Creation of municipal public debt

Md. Code art. 23A § 31 et seq.

Income tax

Md. Code Tax-General Article § 10-101 et seq.

Uniform system of accounting

Md. Code art. 19 § 35 et seq.

Claims against cities

Md. Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings § 5-501 et seq.; art. 23A §§ 1A, 1B

Admissions and amusement tax

Md. Code Tax-General Article § 4-101 et seq.

Annual audit

Md. Code art. 19 §§ 40, 41; art. 23A § 2(b)(3)

Mobile home and trailer park taxes

Md. Code art. 24 § 9-401 et seq.

Business Licenses, Taxes and Regulations

Authority to license businesses

Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Franchises

Md. Code art. 23A §§ 2, 2A; Corporations and Association Article § 3-102

Transient vendors

Md. Code Business Regulation Article § 17-20A-01 et seq.

Taxis

Md. Code Transportation Article § 25-101.1(d)

Animals

Dangerous dogs

Md. Code Criminal Law Article § 10-619

Health and Safety

Nuisances

Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Quarantine and contagious diseases

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(15)

Fire prevention

Md. Code Public Safety Article § 9-701 et seq.

Garbage

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(14)

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare

Crimes generally

Md. Code Criminal Law Article § 1-101 et seq.

Crimes against public administration

Md. Code Criminal Law Article § 9-101 et seq.

Emergency powers of local governments

Md. Code Public Safety Article § 14-401 et seq.

Firearms

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(10)

Weapon crimes

Md. Code Criminal Law Article § 4-101 et seq.

Regulation of sale of firearms, preemption by state

Md. Code Public Safety Article § 5-104

Vehicles and Traffic

Power to adopt regulations

Md. Code Transportation Article §§ 25-101.1, 25-102

State traffic law uniformity

Md. Code Transportation Article § 25-101.1

Driving while intoxicated

Md. Code Transportation Article § 21-902

Parking

Md. Code Transportation Article § 25-102

Traffic control devices

Md. Code Transportation Article §§ 25-105, 25-106

Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places

Powers of towns regarding streets and sidewalks

Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Public recreation and parks

Md. Code art. 23A § 7A

Port facilities

Md. Code Transportation Article § 6-301 et seq.; Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(23A)

Street lighting

Md. Code art. 23A § 44

Cemeteries

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(6)

Public Services

Water and sewer plumbing

Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Water and sewer systems

Md. Code Environment Article § 9-701 et seq.; Md. Code art. 23A § 2A(b)

Public utility rate regulation

Md. Code Public Utilities Article § 4-101 et seq.

Garbage

Md. Code art. 23A § 2

Buildings and Construction

Building and sign regulations authorized

Md. Code art. 23A § 2(b)(5)

Subdivisions

Local control of subdivisions

Md. Code art. 66B § 5.01 et seq.

Zoning

Planning commission

Md. Code art. 66B § 3.01 et seq.

General zoning regulations

Md. Code art. 66B § 4.01 et seq.