

Worksheet: The Organization of Fairfax County Government

Directions: Complete the following questions using one or more of the resources provided by your teacher.

1. What is the Board of Supervisors?
2. What is the size/composition of this group?
3. How are they selected?
4. Which member of the Board serves at-large?
5. How long do they serve?
6. Are there term limits?
7. What qualifications are needed to be a supervisor?
8. When is the next election?
9. What does the law say about the size of a supervisor's district?
10. When and where does the Board meet?

Powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors include:

11. establishing County government_____
12. passing _____
13. approving the _____
14. setting the _____ rates
15. approving _____ plans
16. making_____
17. Two restraints on the Board include:
 - (1)
 - (2)
18. Describe the role of the Board Chairman and the limits of that role.
19. Describe the role, tenure, and major responsibilities of the County Executive.
20. The Board's scheduled agenda can be found in what publication?
21. Are Board meetings open to the public?
22. If an individual wishes to speak at a Board meeting what is the procedure?

23. If someone wants to know what's going on at a Board meeting but is unable to attend, what can he/she do?

24. What is the Board's Internet address?

25. What is the role of the Clerk to the Board?

Other elected officials who serve four-year terms include Sheriff, Clerk of the Court, and Commonwealth's Attorney. Briefly, summarize what each of these officials does:

26. Sheriff

27. Clerk of the Court

28. Commonwealth's Attorney