

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to elaborate in more detail on the topic of the responsibility and position of the mayor of a municipality, specifically in the system of municipal authorities of up to one thousand inhabitants, which is closely related to a brief but comprehensive overview of the legal framework and other aspects related to the legal status of municipalities and the definition of their competences, for which a mainly descriptive method is used. Furthermore, a questionnaire survey was conducted for the purpose of this thesis, the full text and evaluation of which forms part of this thesis. The thesis focuses on the identification of the legal obligations imposed on mayors by legislation and their practical implementation within smaller municipalities

The first chapter of this thesis focuses on a brief overview of the historical development of self-government in the territory of today's Czech Republic, from the early times through the first municipal establishment in 1849, through the establishment of Czechoslovakia, the suppression of self-government during the Protectorate and the rule of the Communist Party, to the Velvet Revolution and the establishment of an independent Czech state. The second chapter focuses on the legal status of municipalities, attempts to define their scope and definition, and provides a description of the various municipal bodies. The third chapter is devoted to the mayor of the municipality itself, briefly explaining the history of the concept, introducing his position, the method of election, responsibilities, describing the individual powers of the mayor, his professional competence, remuneration for the performance of his duties and the termination of his office. The last chapter attempts to provide a more practical insight into the subject, documenting selected problems of small municipalities, followed by an evaluation of a questionnaire developed by the author of this thesis and finally a short interview with the mayor of small municipality called Rapšach, JUDr. Lenka Cvrčková.

The diploma thesis therefore tries to bring the real position of the mayor of a municipality closer to the general public, who is mistakenly perceived by many as someone who has enough powers to solve any problem, but in reality the management of local government units is a matter of many compromises and agreements between the individual authorities, and thus the citizens who represent the authorities.