

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

(excerpts)

TITLE III PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

CHAPTER VIII PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Article 109. Basic principles of local public administration

(1) Public administration within the administrative-territorial units shall be based on the principles of local autonomy, decentralization of public services, eligibility of the local public administration authorities and consultation of citizens on local problems of special interest.

(2) The concept of autonomy shall encompass both the organization and functioning of the local public administration, as well as the management of the communities represented by that administration.

(3) The enforcement of the aforesaid principles may not alter the unitary character of the State.

Article 110. Administrative-territorial organization

(1) The territory of the Republic of Moldova shall be divided, as regarding the administrative organisations, into villages, towns, districts and the autonomous territorial-unit of Gagauzia. Certain towns may be declared municipalities under the law.

(2) Places on the left bank of the Dniester river may be assigned special forms and conditions of autonomy according to the special statutory provisions adopted by organic law.

(3) The status of the capital of the Republic of Moldova - the city of Chisinau shall be regulated by organic law. (*Article 110 amended by the Law no. 344-XV of 25 July 2003*)

Article 112. Village and town authorities

(1) The public administration authorities, by which local autonomy is exercised in villages and towns, shall be represented by local elected councils and mayors.

(2) The local councils and mayors shall operate, under the law, as autonomous administrative authorities and shall be assigned the task of solving public affairs in villages and towns.

(3) The manner of electing the local councils and mayors, as well as their powers and ambit of competence shall be established by law.

Article 113. District council

(1) The district council shall coordinate the activity of village and town councils with the view of bringing into effect of public services at district level.

(2) The district council shall be elected and operate under the law.

(3) The relationships between the local public authorities shall be based on the principles of autonomy, legality and cooperation in solving common issues.