

CITY AS A SETTLEMENT: A PLACE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL SYSTEM OF UKRAINE

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The article is devoted to the study of the place of the city as a settlement in the system of administrative-territorial system of the state. The fate of the state is largely determined by the development of its cities. It was substantiated the author's position about the significance and special influence of the territory and its territorial units on the development and functioning of the state. Countries cannot develop without the division of its territory. Today, almost all states divide their territory into certain territories, within which state and local government are exercised. Each state has its own administrative and territorial system. The analysis of works on definition of concepts "state system", "territorial system", "administrative-territorial system", "administrative-territorial division" is carried out. The differences of these concepts are given. The norms of the Constitution of Ukraine, which determine the constitutional bases of the territorial structure, administrative-territorial structure and the status of the cities of Ukraine, are given and analyzed. The author notes that today the city is the main administrative-territorial unit. It is an element of the structure of large and medium-sized regions of Ukraine. The position on the role of cities in the state is given. Cities are important centers of industry and science. The political life of the state is manifested in the cities, advanced social undertakings are born, and incentives are formed for the further socio-economic development of the city and the state as a whole. Attention is drawn to the fact that today the development of each city depends on an effective and balanced state policy in the field of local self-government, as well as on the activity of territorial communities. It is emphasized that the existence of the state is impossible without cities at all, because the fate of the state is largely determined by the development of its cities. It is noted that the city is a subject in the political and administrative division of the country, which determines the appropriate legal feature of the city as a settlement. The differences between urban and rural settlements are given. The author proves the relevance of the topic of the need for administrative-territorial reform in Ukraine. It was resumed of the Ukrainian authorities in 2020. The author proposes to follow the course of eliminating the excessive fragmentation of the internal territorial structure of cities and other settlements during the administrative-territorial reform, to eliminate some villages, settlements and "cities in cities". The author argues that the status of cities should be determined by the principles of defining city boundaries, the formation of representative and executive bodies in cities, their functional purpose.

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