

# First-Class County Classifications

A sampling of the effects of a first-class county classification | July 18, 2018



Topic	First class classification affects:
Annexation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requirements to file a petition for a proposed annexation of an unincorporated area and the subsequent notice of certification</li> <li>• who may file a protest to an annexation petition</li> <li>• who makes up the boundary commission, depending on the form of government</li> <li>• what disqualifies of a member of a boundary commission with respect to a protest of a proposed annexation</li> <li>• who furnishes the boundary commission with records, information, and other relevant materials for a proposed annexation</li> <li>• requirements for a feasibility consultant / study for a protested annexation</li> <li>• certain public hearing requirements</li> <li>• requirements for the boundary commission regarding approval of an annexation</li> <li>• requirements to annex an unincorporated island or peninsula without a petition</li> <li>• procedure for an annexation or boundary adjustment that causes an automatic annexation to or withdrawal from a local district</li> <li>• when an annexation takes effect</li> <li>• requirements for the collection of property tax and other revenues and the administration of services until the date of annexation</li> </ul>
Metro townships and unincorporated islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• incorporation of metro townships</li> <li>• how metro township officers are elected (council members and mayor)</li> <li>• administration of metro townships and municipal services districts</li> </ul>
Municipal incorporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requirements for property owner notice in the proposed boundaries for the incorporation of a city</li> <li>• when an unincorporated area within a county of the first class is considered to not be contiguous for purposes of incorporating as a town</li> </ul>
Municipal land use and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requirements for acquiring real property to expand infrastructure</li> <li>• requirements for a general plan or comprehensive general plan amendments</li> <li>• definition of a private entity as it applies to impact fees</li> <li>• reimbursement of funds to eligible property owners for costs incurred in certain title transfers (residential property reimbursement)</li> </ul>
County officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualifications for an individual elected to the office of county assessor</li> <li>• requirements for county recorders to establish procedures to govern the electronic submission of plats, records, and other documents</li> </ul>
State Fire Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• abilities of certain municipalities and metro townships to prohibit the use of some ignition sources (like fireworks) if certain environmental conditions exist</li> </ul>
Water supply acquisition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how just compensation is determined in a condemnation proceeding</li> </ul>
Quality Growth Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• who makes up the Quality Growth Commission</li> </ul>
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• credit unions which may become nonexempt when the field of membership includes all residents of two or more counties with at least two being first or second class</li> </ul>