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*Tasks of local government units in the field of protection of public safety and order.*

*Administrative-legal issues*

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This dissertation is an attempt to present many different issues related to the role of local government units in the sphere of security and public order, as well as an indication of the significant role played by local government units in shaping the level of security, not only local, but also state security. The dissertation is an attempt at a multifaceted presentation of issues related to the role of local government units in the sphere of security and public order. Its aim is also to draw attention to the basic importance of these units as elements of the system guaranteeing the citizen a sense of security and peace.

Local government units perform a whole range of functions in shaping the level of local security. Nowadays, the sources of threats to public safety can be found among several factors, such as: unemployment, low effectiveness of measures taken to counteract social pathologies, imperfection of legislation, low efficiency of local government bodies, low efficiency of law enforcement agencies and the judiciary. However, the sources of security threats are not only those related to human activity. Climatic anomalies, rapid changes in the weather are the primary factors that create natural hazards for people and the environment, causing disasters and catastrophes. The modern increase in the frequency of these phenomena is due in large part to progressive climate change, environmental degradation, or global warming caused by greenhouse gas emissions. These factors are causing natural phenomena to occur in places where they did not previously occur, or the intensification of other phenomena, such as droughts, which are becoming more severe every year.

The dissertation begins with introductory considerations, including a general characterization of local government and a discussion of the tasks and powers of local government units, presentation of the concepts of public order and public safety. The legal forms of administration are also discussed. Local government units carrying out tasks related to ensuring public order and security use legal forms of administration, so the considerations have been carried out considering their relevance to the subject under discussion.

The second chapter of the dissertation presents the tasks and competences of local government units in the field of combating and preventing pathological phenomena and unemployment. Issues related to upbringing in sobriety and counteracting alcoholism, counteracting drug addiction, counteracting domestic violence and preventing unemployment were discussed.

The third chapter of the dissertation presents issues related to the safety of mass events and safety on public roads. In particular, issues related to ensuring the safety of participants of mass events by meeting the requirements of the Act by the organizers of such events were discussed. The following section discusses the rules and procedure for issuing permits for mass events and the rules for organizers' liability for any damage caused in connection with the organization of a mass event, as well as the rules and procedure for security control of mass events. Regarding the issue of safety on public roads, the focus was mainly on activities undertaken by local government units aimed at reducing the risk on roads for all its participants.

The considerations undertaken in the fourth chapter are devoted to crisis management, the state of natural disaster and states of emergency. These issues are an integral part of the protection of public safety and order and are perceived as a set of undertakings related to the prevention and counteracting of threats. This chapter contains a detailed analysis of the actions that local government units are obliged to take in the event of any of the threats.

The fifth chapter discusses the cooperation of local government units with services, inspections, and guards in the field of ensuring public order and security.

The protection of public security and order is one of the most important as well as the oldest public tasks closely related to the very emergence of public authority and has been analyzed in the Polish doctrine of administrative law for many years. State security, public security and public order are constitutionally protected values. Referring to the principle of subsidiarity and the principle of decentralization, it is necessary to emphasize the significant role entrusted to local government units in the protection of public security and order.

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