

Legal aspects of waste management in the context of municipal development

Abstract

The thesis examines the various legal aspects of waste management, with a particular focus on the municipal level. The necessity to manage waste in an efficient manner has been evident since the advent of settled communities, and thus the perception of waste issues has evolved over time. Currently, waste management is extensively regulated by national legislation, which is also influenced by European regulations. The thesis primarily draws upon the fundamental law pertaining to this issue, namely Act No. 541/2020 on waste. The thesis is intended to reflect this legislation and the establishment of the waste management system in the Czech Republic, with a particular focus on the role of municipalities within the waste management framework. The thesis is structured in four parts, each addressing a distinct aspect. The first part of the thesis is entitled "Waste from the perspective of environmental law" and contains the fundamental legal framework and an introduction to the key concepts of the issue, which are essential for comprehending the entirety of the topic. The second part of the thesis is entitled "Environmental instruments related to waste" and contains three basic instruments – conceptual, administrative-legal and economic – used in the framework of waste management, with a focus on municipal recovery. The third part of the thesis is entitled "The role of municipalities in waste management" and focuses on the municipal level. In particular, it addresses the establishment of municipal systems, the involvement of entrepreneurs in municipal systems, the legal aspects of landfilling, and the penalties imposed for improper waste management in relation to municipal status. The final fourth part of the thesis is labelled "Voluntary instruments" and, in addition to the aforementioned areas, it deals with the institution that prevents waste generation. The objective of this thesis is to address the question of how municipalities influence waste management and to ascertain their role in this field.

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