

Role of the College of Aldermen

According to law relating to Communes, the College of Aldermen consists of a Mayor and two to six aldermen, depending on the size of the Commune measured by its population. The Commune of Mondorf-les-Bains has two aldermen.

The Mayor is appointed by the Grand Duke, as are the city aldermen. The other aldermen are appointed by the Minister for Home Affairs and are selected from among the members of the Communal Council. They are appointed for a six-year term, provided that they remain members of the Communal Council during their time in office.

The College of Mayors and Aldermen is chaired by the Mayor and, if they are unable to attend, it is chaired by the most senior alderman in order of their seniority of appointment, or alternatively as the College decides.

College meetings are held in camera. Their decisions are recorded in a register, which is kept by the Commune's secretary.

The powers of the College of Aldermen are defined under Articles 57 and 58 of the law relating to Communes, in addition to those bestowed by virtue of other legal provisions. The College of Mayors and Aldermen is responsible for:

- enacting laws, regulations, and Grand-Ducal and ministerial decrees, insofar as they do not relate to the police;
- publishing and enforcing Communal Council resolutions;
- preparing business to be submitted to the Communal Council, and drafting the agenda for Communal Council meetings;
- supervising public establishments and Commune departments under the Communal Council's responsibility, and the administration of the Commune's establishments;
- the Commune's public works department;
- the administration of the Commune's properties and safeguarding the rights thereof;
- supervising civil servants, employees and workers employed by the Commune, where measures relating to leave, promotion, and other statutory rights are applied according to legislative or other regulatory provisions;
- regularly checking the composition of church councils;
- special supervision of residential care homes and social offices. The College has the right to visit these establishments whenever it deems appropriate, will ensure that they do not deviate from donors' and testators' wishes, and will report to the Communal Council on any improvements to be made, or any errors or wrongdoing it discovers;
- keeping archives, titles, and civil registers;
- passing any emergency regulations and orders necessary, for cases specifically defined in law.

With the exception of the Mayor, the College of Mayors and Aldermen is first and foremost the Commune's body for implementing decisions made by the Communal Council and the Commune's manager, before its role as a body of the State.