Summary

Subject matter of qualification paper: ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PRACTICES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT (based on materials of Derbent city administration)

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Topicality of the research. Permanent social changes in modern Russia require reconstruction of the administrative mechanisms to ensure implementation of citizens’ local initiatives in local government. The federal law "On general principles of organization of local government in the Russian Federation" reflects forms of public participation in local government, but so far they have not found an adequate popularization.

Objective of the research is to develop theoretical and practical aspects of improving the practice of public participation in the local government, including the city of Derbent.

Tasks of the research are:
- to summarize the legal and organizational aspects of the implementation of direct population participation forms in the local government;
  - to clarify the nature and content of forms of public participation in local government;
  - to systematize foreign experience of public participation in local government;
  - identify the main problems of local government and forms of public participation in their solution;
  - to work out a draft municipal program "Enhancing public participation in local government in the municipality" Derbent city ";
  - to prepare guidelines for the use of public (civil) forum as a perspective form of interaction between local governments and the population.

Theoretical and practical significance of qualification paper consists in the fact that within its framework the understanding of the essence of public participation in local governments was specified, its types and peculiarities of its operation abroad were analyzed. The Proposed public (civilian) forum can act as a perspective form of cooperation of local governments with the population of Derbent city.
Results of the research:

Public participation in the local government is regulated by provisions of the Federal Law № 131-FZ "On General Principles of Local Self-Government in the Russian Federation", which in sufficient detail describes the forms of public participation, even in the absence of the necessary regional and municipal legal acts in this area.

Forms of public participation in the local government are divided into direct forms of public activities in the local government and forms of public participation in local government. The first group includes local referendum; municipal elections; vote on the recall of a deputy, a member of the elected body of local self-government, an elected official of the local government, vote on changes in the boundaries of the municipality, reorganization of the municipality, as well as a meeting of citizens. The second group includes lawmaking initiative of citizens; territorial public self-government; public hearings; gathering of citizens; Citizens Conference (meeting of delegates); citizens’ survey; appeal of citizens in the local government.

Recommendations:

In order to promote public participation in local government in the municipality "city of Derbent" the author's vision of the content and structure of the municipal program with the same name was designed, the purpose of which would be "to increase the efficiency of local government through the introduction of forms of self-organization in the community."

As an effective form of public participation in local government it was proposed to carry out the public (civil) forum. Taking into account the fact that managers and specialists of local governments are not fully trained in modern technologies of public communications and public municipal partnership, the algorithm of creating a public forum was developed, based on the synthesis of foreign literature. This algorithm can be further described in the booklets and distributed, among current employees of Derbent city administration as well.