

## PHILADELPHIA COUNTY AND CITY

Philadelphia County - 1st class was formed in 1682 when William Penn divided the lands granted to him by King Charles II into the three original counties of Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester. However, Philadelphia County has no government today. Under the city-county consolidation amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution, adopted November 6, 1951, its functions are performed by the city.

The city was laid out as a town on October 28, 1681. In 1684, it was incorporated as a borough. Philadelphia's first city charter was granted in 1691 followed by successive charters in 1701, 1789, 1885 and 1919. The city is now governed by a home rule charter that became effective on January 7, 1952.