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## **EXTERNAL SOURCES OF URBAN LAW: CONCEPT AND TYPES**

The article proves that the institutionalization of the urban legal system depends on the existence of two types of sources of urban law: external and internal. Special attention in the paper is paid to external sources of urban law, such as formal documents of legal content emerging in national, supranational and international legal systems, enabling the existence of urban legal norm.

The main components of the system of external sources of urban law are normative acts. As a rule, such acts are the part of national legal system; they regulate relations in the spheres of constitutional and municipal law. Author shows, that legislative regulation of urban legal relations in Ukraine is not perfect. For example, only two cities in Ukraine have

the defined status.

The next important external sources of urban law are international treaties. International treaties in urban sphere are the new tendency in international relations. Besides, in most cases the initiative of creating such treaties comes from local authorities, but not from the states.

Author also emphasizes the role of acts of interpretation in the system of external sources of urban law, especially – the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

However, the sources of urban law are not limited by the documents created by state or its authorities. The main feature of urban law is that such a legal system has its own internal sources of law, which are independent from state.