

The history of the administrative division of the city of Fuzuli

On October 17, 2020, during the Second Karabakh War (September 27, 2020 – November 10, 2020) the Azerbaijani army liberated the city of Fuzuli from the Armenian occupation. This Azerbaijani city became the second to be liberated from the occupation after Jabrayil. Qarabag.com has prepared the material on the history of the administrative division of the city of Fuzuli from the XIX century to the present.

The administrative center of the Fuzuli district, the city of Fuzuli (formerly Karabulag, Karyagino, Sardar) is located in the south-eastern part of Azerbaijan, on the right bank of the Condelenchai river.

[\[The Caucasian calendar for 1856. Tiflis, 1855. Section 3., p. 413\]](#)

[\[The Caucasian calendar for 1906. Tiflis, 1906. Section 1, p. 238\]](#)

[\[The Soviet Azerbaijan in figures 1929, 1929, p. 72\]](#)

[\[The Azerbaijani Soviet Encyclopedia. Volume X. 1987, p. 17\]](#)

Fuzuli was founded in 1827.

[\[The USSR: Administrative division of the Union Republics as of 1 January 1980. 1980, p. 444\]](#)

[\[The Azerbaijani SSR: administrative division as of January 1, 1977. 1979, p. 9\]](#)

In 1855, Fuzuli was referred to as the Molokan village of Karabulag as part of the Varandin part of Shusha Uyezd.

[\[The Caucasian calendar for 1856. Tiflis, 1855. Section 3, p. 413\]](#)

In 1868, Shusha Uyezd (including Karabulag) became part of the Elizavetpol province.

In 1873, Karabulag was included in the newly formed Jabrayil Uyezd.

[\[The Caucasian Calendar for 1902. Tiflis, 1901., p. 107\]](#)

[\[A. S. Milman. The political system of Azerbaijan in the XIX – early XX centuries\]](#)

[\(administrative apparatus and court, forms and methods of colonial administration\). 1966., p. 157\]](#)

In 1905, the administrative center of Jabrayil Uyezd was moved from the village of Jabrayil to the village of Karabulag. Jabrayil Uyezd was renamed to Karyaginskiy Uyezd, and the village of Karabulag was renamed to Karyagino in honor of the Russian colonel Pavel Karyagin.

[\[The Caucasian calendar for 1906. Tiflis, 1906. Section 1., p. 238\]](#)

During the years of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (1918-1920) Karyagino was the administrative center of Jabrayil Uyezd of Ganja province.

[\[The Azerbaijan Democratic Republic \(1918-1920\). Legislative acts \(Documents and materials\) 1998, // Resolution № 225 on renaming the city of Elizavetpol to the city of Ganja and Karyaginskiy Uyezd to Jabrayil Uyezd, p. 277\]](#)

[\[The Azerbaijan Democratic Republic \(1918-1920\). Legislative acts \(Documents and materials\) 1998, // Law on the establishment of the post of inspector of the public schools in the Shusha, the Zangezur, the Javanshir and Jabrayil Uyezds. № 111., p. 157\]](#)

In 1919-1920, Karyagino became part of the Karabakh Governorate-General.

[\[The Azerbaijan Democratic Republic \(1918-1920\). Legislative acts \(Collection of documents\) 1998, // p. 389\]](#)

In 1923, the administrative center of Jabrayil Uyezd was moved from Karyagino to Jabrayil. Consequently, Karyagino lost the status of the administrative center of Uyezd.

[\[The Administrative divisions of the USSR as of May 15, 1923. 1923, p. 21; 28\]](#)

In 1926, Karyagino was again designated as the administrative center of Jabrayil Uyezd.

[\[The territorial and administrative division of the USSR as of January 1, 1926, 1926, p.190\]](#)

In 1929, Karyagino was renamed to Sardar in honor of the Azerbaijani Bolshevik Buniat Sardarov.

[\[The Administrative division of the USSR and a list of the most important settlements with a chronological list of decisions on changing the borders of provinces, regions and republics from 1917 to 1929, 1929, p. 115\]](#)

[\[The Soviet Azerbaijan in figures 1929 1929, p. 72\]](#)

On August 8, 1930, the Karyaginskiy district was created with the center of the previously renamed Karyagino city.

[\[The Azerbaijani SSR: Administrative division as of January 1, 1977. 1979, p. 7; 207\]](#)

[\[The Administrative division of the USSR \(Districts and cities of the USSR\) 1931, p. 307; 311\]](#)

On April 2, 1959, the city was renamed from Karyagino to Fuzuli in honor of the Azerbaijani poet Mohammed Fuzuli.

[\[The Azerbaijani SSR: Administrative division as of January 1, 1977. 1979, p. 7; 207\]](#)

After attaining independence of Azerbaijan, in 1991, the Fuzuli district retained its administrative and territorial status with its centre in Fuzuli city.

In August 1993, Fuzuli was occupied by Armenian armed formations.

[\[“Izvestiya” newspaper, August 24, 1993, publication № 159 \(24014\) p. 1\]](#)