

# Tapping Appropriate Resources

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#### Municipal Reference Library:

Charter files

Charter data base

Video library

2. Publications:

Charter Revision & Amendment, Michigan Municipal League, 2002

Organization of City and Village Government in Michigan, Michigan Municipal League, 1993, 2003

Impact of Changing from a Village to a City, Michigan Municipal League, 1993, 2003

The Nature and Purpose of a Home Rule Charter, Citizens Research Council,

Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, 1993  
Issue papers

*Michigan Municipal Review*

3. Model Charters

National Civic League, *Model City Charter*, 8<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2003) [www.ncl.org](http://www.ncl.org)

4. Charters from other cities and villages

League files

Charter data base

5. Charter consultants

6. City or village attorney

7. Former charter commissioners

Charter commission survey, 1992

Nearby municipalities

8. Charter Study Committee Reports

9. Charter Commission Records

Retention as public records

Sample rules

Sample minutes

Legislative/local history

10. Legal Materials

Constitution, Article VII, Section 22

Home rule statutes

Other statutes

### **Charter Resource Persons**

The individuals listed in this section have served as elected members of municipal charter commissions and, in most instances, have served as chairs of the commissions in their communities. Each has agreed to be listed as a person whose experience in serving on a charter commission may be useful to newly elected charter commissions. Each has agreed to be available to be called upon to share his other individual and community experiences with charter revision. Each has furnished telephone numbers listed below:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Date Revised Charter</b>
Big Rapids	10,849	April, 1992
Coloma	1,595	January, 1994
Hamtramck	22,976	November 2003, (turned down by voters)
Ionia	10,569	November, 1993
Ironwood	6,293	November, 1994
Parchment	1,936	November 7, 1989
Wakefield	2,085	November 4, 1991

### **Contact Persons**

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Big Rapids:		
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### **Bill Steude**

**Bill Steude** received his law degree from Northwestern University and an MPA from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Steude was an attorney on the League staff from 1971-97. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys and Fund Administrator of the Legal Defense Fund. From 1985 until his retirement in 1997, he served as MML general counsel, and continued to be of counsel to the League until his death in 2001.

Bill Steude was a friend, mentor and teacher to an entire generation of Michigan lawyers who practice in the field of municipal law.