

## Appendix 7: For More Information

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**Inquiry Service.** As one of the oldest League benefits, the Inquiry Service provides member officials with answers to questions on a vast array of municipal topics. Member officials may request information and/or material on any municipal issue. The League has many sample documents available:

- Ordinances
- Policies
- Programs
- Articles
- Charters
- Feasibility Studies

Send your municipal inquiries to [info@mml.org](mailto:info@mml.org).

### **Michigan Municipal League publications:**

***The Review.*** The official magazine of the Michigan Municipal League. Published six times a year. It serves as a medium of exchange of ideas and information for the official of Michigan cities and villages.

***Organization of City and Village Government in Michigan.*** (Municipal Report). Michigan Municipal League; 1994, 2005, 2011, 2019, 2021.

**Fact Sheets.** One-page summaries on a variety of municipal topics, many with a “plus” attached—a sample ordinance, resolution, policy, form, etc. These (and many more) are available at [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org)):

- *Email and Retention of Records*
- *Ethics*
  - *Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities*
  - *Incompatible Public Offices*
  - *Misconduct in Office*
  - *Standards of Conduct for Public Officers/Employees*
- *Freedom of Information Act*
  - *General Questions*
  - *Policy and Definitions*
  - *Responding to Requests*
  - *Statutory Exemption*
- *Open Meetings Act*
  - *Calling Closed Meetings*
  - *Closed Meeting Minutes*
  - *Definitions and Requirements*
  - *Posting Requirements*
- *Public Hearings*
- *Work Sessions: Use By Legislative Bodies*

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### **MML Legal Defense Fund.**

The League's Legal Defense Fund and its resources are available incases which would have a considerable impact on Michigan municipal law or positively affect the organization, operation, powers, duties, or financing of Michigan's cities and villages. Legal Defense Fund resources and services are available to League members which are also members of the Fund.

The typical form of assistance is the filing of an *amicus* brief to support the legal position of the city or village involved in the case. Most often this is in the Michigan Court of Appeals or Michigan Supreme Court. The Legal Defense Fund is financed by voluntary dues of member cities and villages. Forms to make a request for assistance are available at [mml.org](http://mml.org).

### **Legislative Issues**

The League's advocacy team researches legislative issues of importance to municipalities; through their research, they develop issue papers and legislative briefs that provide the framework for the League's efforts to represent municipalities' best interests at the state and federal level.

- Issue Papers
    - *Revenue Sharing Fact Sheet*
    - *Home Rule in Michigan—Then and Now*
  - Legislative Briefs
  - Prosperity Agenda
  - Inside 208 blog
  - League position on current legislative bills
- (available at [mml.org](http://mml.org))

### **Risk Management**

The League's Risk Management Services Division administers two statewide municipal insurance programs: the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund and the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool.

The mission of Risk Management Services is to provide a long-term, stable, cost-effective insurance alternative for members and associate members of the Michigan Municipal League.

### **Risk Management Member Services**

- Expert governmental claims handling
- Customized loss control services and resources
- Law enforcement specialists
- Reduced Rates at related League training events, conventions, and conferences