

## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

March 10, 2008

TO:  Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Mary Redden, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager 

SUBJECT: Standard Purchasing Resolution 9: Approval to Expend Funds for Membership Dues and Renewals Over \$10,000 - Michigan Municipal League

### Background:

- The Michigan Municipal League (MML), a state association of cities and villages, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association working cooperatively to strengthen the quality of municipal government and administration.
- Benefits of membership include advocacy of municipal issues and low-cost education about effective and efficient governance.

### Financial Considerations:

- Funds are available in City Council's membership and dues account, 102.7958.

### Legal Considerations:

- There are no legal considerations associated with membership in the League.

### Policy Considerations:

- Annual membership with the MML provides support for all City goals.

### Options:

- Payment of the attached invoice is recommended for annual dues in the amount of \$12,252. These dues cover the time period of May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.



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MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2007 - 2008

**Troy**

ID: 492

Date: 02/11/2008

Membership Period: 05/01/2008 - 04/30/2009

	2007 - 2008
* MML Dues	10,043
** Environmental Assessment	1,205
*** Legal Defense Fund	1,004
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	\$12,252

**Total Due By May 01, 2008 :**  
**\$12,252**

**Please sign, date and return one invoice copy with your payment.**

Make checks payable to the Michigan Municipal League and mail to the address below. Thank you.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

\* For a detailed analysis of your MML dues, go to [www.mml.org/pdf/dues05.pdf](http://www.mml.org/pdf/dues05.pdf) or call 734-669-6350. MML dues include annual subscriptions to the Michigan Municipal Review for your officials at \$12.00 per subscription, which is 50% of the regular subscription rate.

\*\* The purpose of the EAA is to fund the Environmental Affairs Service (EAS) and its advocacy for the municipal point of view on environmental, public works and infrastructure issues at the state and federal levels. The EAS Limited one-on-one assistance to MML members concerning environmental protection mandates, transportation and public works activities is also available.

\*\*\* The Legal Defense Fund is an optional charge. The purpose of the Fund is to provide specialized legal assistance to member municipalities in cases that have significant statewide impact.

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Ann Arbor MI 48106-7409  
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# The League is the one clear voice.



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The Michigan Municipal League is the one clear voice for Michigan communities. Through advocacy at the state and federal level, we proactively represent municipalities to help them sustain highly livable, desirable, and unique places within the state. We create and offer our members services and events that range from traditional to cutting edge, in order to help educate and inspire them to remain focused on their passion for the area they represent. Since 1899, we have been here fighting for change, helping each member thrive, and creating a better Michigan. One community at a time.

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## A D V O C A C Y



# The League is fighting for Michigan's future.



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Since the late 1960s, the Michigan Municipal League has maintained a full-time advocacy presence at the state Capitol in Lansing through the League's State and Federal Affairs Division. This division monitors, analyzes and articulates the municipal viewpoint on many bills that are introduced during each two-year legislative session.

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## **We help fund Michigan's communities.**

Michigan's communities have already absorbed serious reductions in community funding. The MML advocates the use of tax dollars for critical services that citizens rely on most. Local communities are the economic backbone of our state and we see their viability as essential for a strong Michigan. Revenue sharing must be thought of as an investment—an investment in the future of our communities, leading to an investment in the vitality of the state.

## **We spur economic development.**

Investing in Michigan's urban areas is paramount to the revitalization of Michigan. Built-out communities need assistance in redeveloping their infrastructure. Jobs come to areas with infrastructure, services and a high quality of life. Employers want their employees to have access to vibrant downtowns, entertainment, good schools, good health care and all the amenities that come with an exciting and alive community. Policymakers need to refocus economic development resources and initiatives towards these developed communities. The MML is working to provide strong communities as the centerpiece of a highly desirable state.

## **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Good roads and bridges, efficient public transit and infrastructure systems are critical to the health of Michigan's economy and the vitality of our hometowns. Businesses looking to locate or stay in Michigan consider the quality of infrastructure as a determining factor. The MML targets transportation and infrastructure resources to Commerce Centers. The League works with members of Michigan's congressional delegation and all transportation interests to ensure that Michigan's transportation and infrastructure systems are effectively funded.

## **Environmental Protection**

As both "regulated" entities and "regulators," Michigan's cities and villages support strong, adequately funded environmental protection initiatives. The League is committed to working with all interested parties on legislation to protect sources of groundwater from contamination, to give the state a greater voice in regulating solid waste imports and to implement the voter-approved Clean Water Bond. The MML is also working with Congress and the U.S. EPA to promote the wise use of our tax dollars to enhance environmental quality.

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## Publications & Online Help

An ever-increasing number of the League's publications, including *Michigan Municipal Review* magazine and the Municipal Yellow Pages, are available to members online free of charge. The members-only section of the League's website provides a host of topical data, sample resolutions, ordinances and policies and links to dozens of related resources. More than 2,000 individual visitors tap into the resources at [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org) every week.

## Fiscal Database

The League's fiscal database includes 20 years of data on local revenues and expenditures, millage rates, state-shared revenue, taxable values, state equalized values and Act 51/Transportation revenues and expenditures. As a member, you can request reports tailored to your needs free of charge.

## Executive Search

The League offers executive search services to facilitate one of the most important processes undertaken by an elected body - selecting effective leadership for the organization.

## Wage & Salary Survey

The results of the League's annual wage and salary survey are available online through a database that members may search by a number of criteria. A benefits section provides a comprehensive overview of compensation packages.

## Elected Officials Academy

The EOA is a voluntary program designed to encourage elected officials to pursue education in topics critical to governing their community, and to participate in a variety of leadership roles. Officials are recognized as they complete each of the three levels in the Academy. Participation in these core activities provides officials with tools they need to make sound decisions affecting their community's future.

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EDUCATION / RESOURCES

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# The League is helping you every day.



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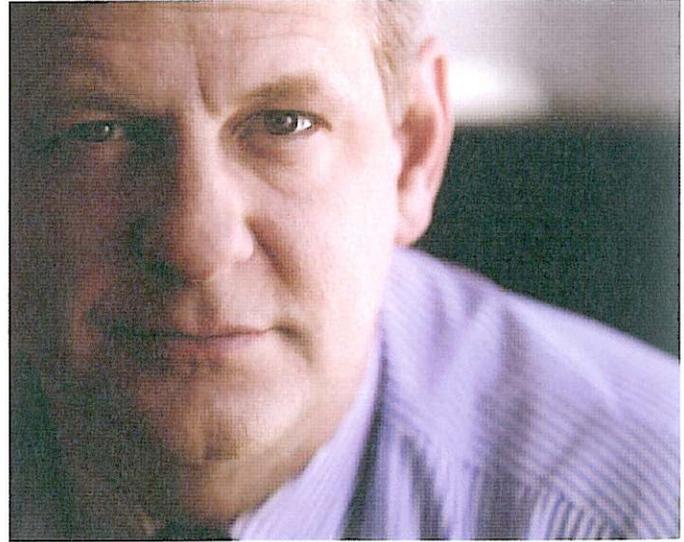
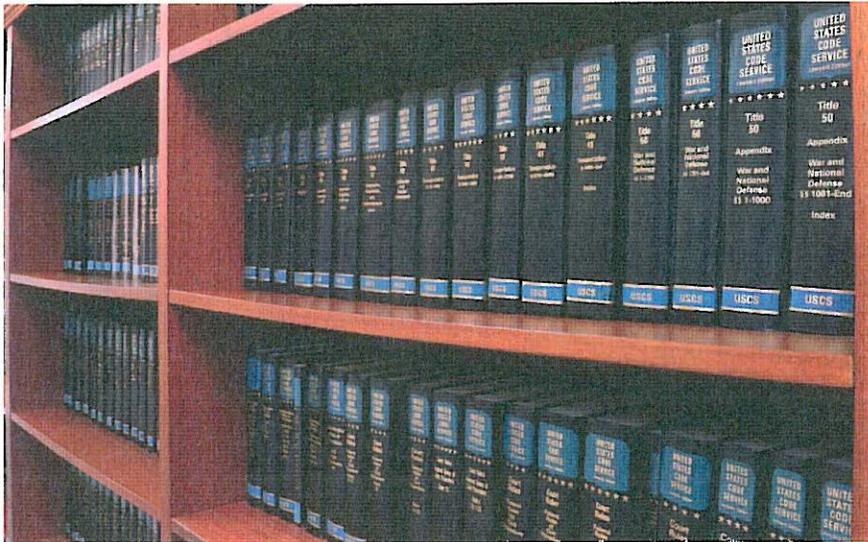
Any staff member or elected or appointed official in a member community may call the MML for information and receive a password to access the member section at [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org). Whenever there's a question, the League is there.

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INSURANCE / LITIGATION

# The League is protecting in every way.



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The League has evolved over the years, fulfilling the crucial needs of our members. Through legal assistance and insurance programs, the League is here to help fight for your rights and protect you in numerous ways.

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## Municipal Litigation Center

The Legal Affairs Division works collaboratively with the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys (MAMA), the only chartered section of the League. Training institutes and seminars are provided to member municipal attorneys.

## Legal Assistance

The MML attorneys are there to help you work through your most challenging issues. Although they do not issue formal opinions, MML attorneys are available to consult with your municipal attorney on legal topics facing your municipality.

## Legal Defense Fund

The Legal Defense Fund is used to assist in litigation and other legal matters involving a community, the outcome of which could have statewide significance. Membership in the Defense Fund is open to communities that pay a modest annual fee. Resources of the Fund are extended in cases which would have a considerable impact on Michigan municipal law and would affect the organization, operation, powers, duties or financing of Michigan's communities.

## Risk Management Services

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

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## Advocacy of Municipal Issues

- Legislative Link E-Newsletter – a weekly rundown of legislative activity
- Action Alerts and Issue Advisories – updates on information that just can't wait
- Media Relations – talking points/sample press releases are given on topical items
- Municipal Litigation Center – advocacy of municipal issues in trial courts
- MML staff lobby the Legislature and executive branch daily on issues impacting members

## Information and Education

- Inquiry service – you ask, we answer
- E-Books
- Records Management Handbook
- Elected Officials Academy membership
- Member rates for the annual Convention, Legislative Conference and workshops
- One copy of the Directory of Michigan Municipal Officials
- Several copies of the *Michigan Municipal Review*
- Member rates for Classified Ads on the Michigan Municipal League's website
- Onsite outreach
- Municipal Manager Pool Listing

## Access to the member-protected area of the MML website:

- Wage and Salary Data
- Fiscal Database Information
- Municipal Yellow Pages
- Sample Ordinances and Policies
- One Pager Plus

## Access to Insurance programs and Employee Benefits Services:

- MML Workers' Compensation Fund
- MML Liability and Property Pool
- MML Sponsored BCBSM Program
- Michigan Employee Benefits Services
- Unemployment Compensation Fund

## Access to services at the member rate:

- Human Resources Consulting
- Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium
- Legal Defense Fund
- Environmental Affairs

## Leadership Opportunities

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