



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 25, 2011

To: John Szerlag, City Manager 

From: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration 
Beth Tashnick, City Manager's Office Coordinator 

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.

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

Payment of the attached invoice is recommended for annual dues in the amount of \$11,301. These dues cover the time period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.



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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Ms. Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
City Clerk
Troy
500 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48084-5254

Dear Ms. Bartholomew,

Upon review of the enclosed dues renewal invoice, you will find that this year's renewal brings significant changes. Beginning with the League's 2010/11 fiscal year, we are continuing the freeze on your membership dues, and, in addition, will no longer levy the Environmental Affairs Assessment. These changes represent a 12% reduction in the overall dues payment. In no way does this reflect a reduction in the League's commitment to represent you on environmental issues, but rather recognizes the financial challenges we all face. As always, you can count on us to be your voice on issues that matter most to your community.

As we move forward and face the mounting challenges before us, the League is working for you to help create a more prosperous state with vibrant communities. We support every member by leading advocacy efforts to support municipal issues, providing free and low-cost education related to effective and efficient governance, and assisting and serving local government officials in a host of other ways.

As pressures mount, we are working harder than ever in Lansing and Washington to preserve and promote municipal interests on issues such as revenue sharing, transportation, CDBG funds, and maintaining local control. The 21st Century Communities (21c3) is working to assist local officials in identifying, developing, and implementing programs and strategies to enhance our member communities' ability to be vibrant places for the 21st century. Further, our Legal Defense Fund and Municipal Litigation Center continue to work to protect your interests in the courts and regulatory arena.

The League's Board of Trustees recognizes the strained financial conditions present in many Michigan communities. They know that for communities to survive, we must stand together and defend our interests. Alone your municipality is one voice; but when combined with the voices of communities across Michigan, we can make a real difference.

Michigan Municipal League membership is one of the best investments your community can make. Take a moment to review the enclosed brochure to see all of the innovative and proactive services that your membership provides. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Gilmartin
Executive Director & CEO

Carol Shafto
President, 2010-2011



MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2010 - 2011

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Troy

ID: 492

Date: 03/01/2011

Membership Period: 05/01/2011 - 04/30/2012

**REMITTANCE
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	2010 - 2011
* MML Dues	10,274
** Legal Defense Fund	1,027
	<u>11,301</u>
	\$11,301

**Total Due by May 01, 2011:
\$11,301**

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.

(Signature)

(Date)

* MML dues include annual subscriptions to *The Review* for your officials at \$12.00 per subscription, which is 50% of the regular subscription rate.

** 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.

In an effort to support our member communities in the current economic environment, the League has discontinued the Environmental Affairs Assessment (EAA) beginning with the League's 2010/11 fiscal year.

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