

City of Battle Creek  
**Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee**  
Department of Public Works  
Multi-Purpose Room  
150 South Kendall Street Battle Creek, MI 49037  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 5:30 pm

## **AGENDA**

Call to Order – Attendance

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2018

Prior Meeting Business

A. Survey Draft - Comments and Recommendations

B. Pros & Cons worksheets

New Business

A. Consideration of Charter Amendments

a. Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

b. Length of Commission Terms

c. Gendered Charter Language

d. Other Relevant Charter Amendments

Committee Discussion

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018 at 5:30 pm, DPW Multi-purpose Room

Adjournment

## **PARKING LOT/FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

- Staggered Commission Terms
- Number of and Characteristics of Wards

1. 2.7.18 Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee Presentation

Documents:

[ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2.7.18.PDF](#)  
[LIST BY POPULATION - FINAL.PDF](#)

# City of Battle Creek Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee

Organizational Meeting  
February 7, 2018

# Parameters and Limitations per January 2, 2018 Resolution 58

- ▶ A) The current form of City government, City Manager/City Commission, is to be retained;
- ▶ B) Any recommendations must be consistent with applicable law including the Michigan Home Rule City Act and Michigan election laws;
- ▶ C) The Committee shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act;
- ▶ D) The Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than February 16, 2018 and shall meet as needed and shall be permitted, if it deems it expedient to do so, to meet as subcommittees;
- ▶ E) The Committee shall provide the Commission periodic updates on its work and progress, with the first one due no later than May 31, 2018 and with a Final Report to the Commission no later than December 31, 2018; and
- ▶ F) If the Committee recommends a charter amendment, then it shall also specify the manner in which it recommends the amendment to be made.

# Proposed Amendments Must Comply with Law

- ▶ **Michigan Home Rule City Act.** The City of Battle Creek was formed as a Home Rule City (HRC). The HRC Act was enacted by the state legislature as Public Act 279 of 1909. This legislation provides the framework by which a new city may become incorporated and provide for its own government by adopting a City charter.
  - ▶ The HRC Act contains provisions that must be addressed within a City Charter. It also contains permissive items and prohibited items.
  - ▶ The HRC Act sets out the manner in which a charter may be amended and the process.
- ▶ **Michigan Election Law.** Act 116 of 1954. (It has been amended numerous times since its adoption.) MCL 168.1 through 168.992.
  - ▶ Chapter XV City Offices, MCL 168.321-168.328.
  - ▶ Chapter XXVIII Holding of Elections, MCL 168.641-168.799a.
- ▶ **Michigan Open Meetings Act.** Act 267 of 1976. MCL 15.261-15.275.
  - ▶ Must have proper notice of meetings.
  - ▶ Minutes must be kept.
  - ▶ Public comment must take place.
  - ▶ May only deliberate and vote at the open meeting.

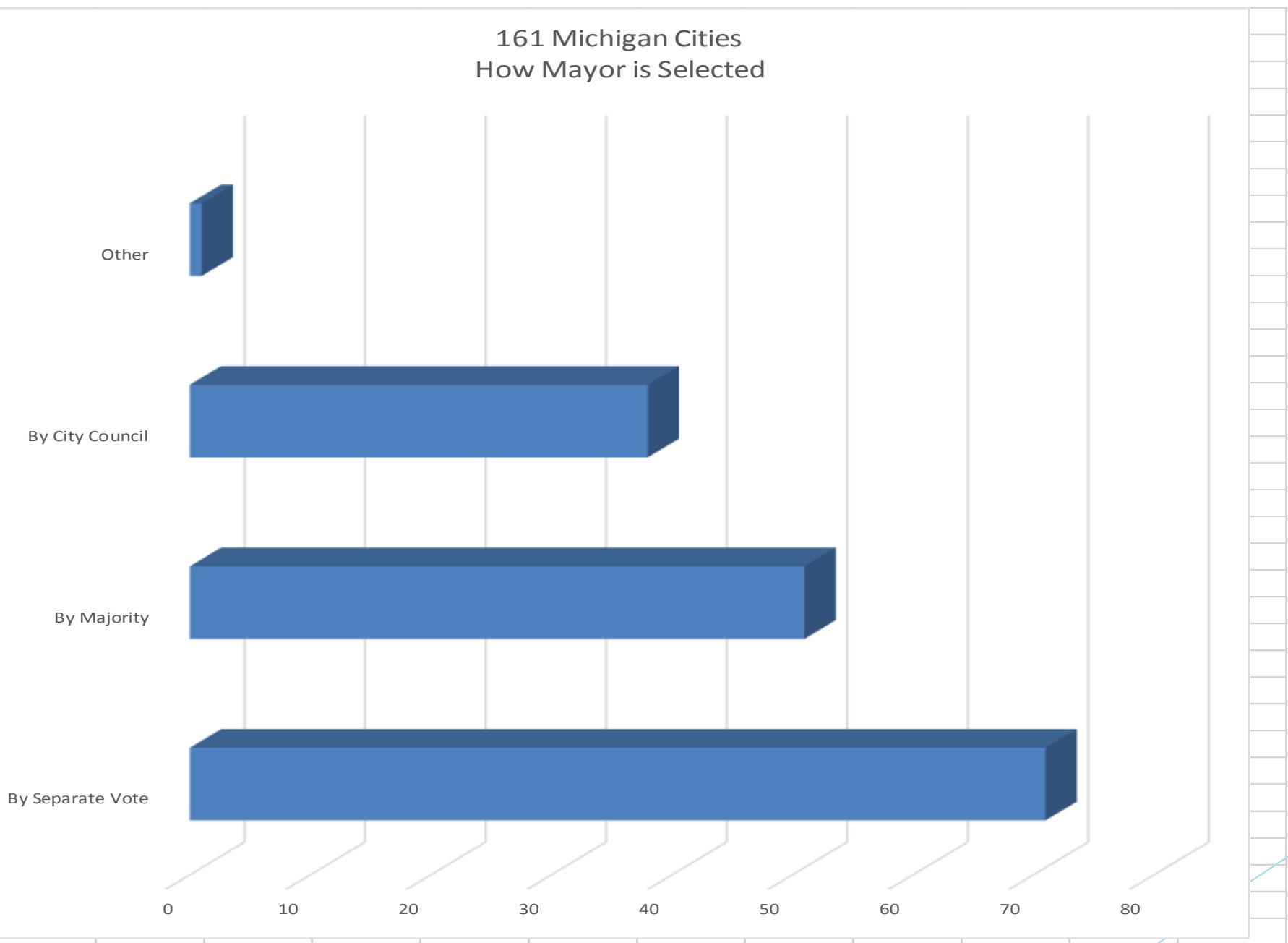
# Scope of Inquiry per Resolution 58

- ▶ Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor;
- ▶ Changing the size of the Commission;
- ▶ Staggering Terms;
- ▶ Length of Terms;
- ▶ Gendered charter language; and
- ▶ Such other issues that the Committee deems appropriate and relevant to the issues assigned by the City Commission.

# Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

- ▶ **City of Battle Creek Charter**, Section 2.9, provides as follows:
  - ▶ “The City Commission shall select from its members a Mayor and a Vice-Mayor, who shall act in the Mayor's absence or disability, and whose terms shall expire at the next annual organization meeting of the Commission.”
- ▶ **City of Battle Creek Ordinance**, 212.04(d) provides that the organizational meeting of the Commission shall take place annually. Thus, this sets the terms of the Mayor and the Vice Mayor at one year.
- ▶ **Michigan Home Rule City** Act provides, at MCL 117.3(a) provides as follows, in pertinent part:
  - ▶ “Each city charter shall provide for all of the following: (a) The election of a mayor, who shall be the chief executive officer of the city ... The city charter may provide for the selection of the mayor by the legislative body.”

## 161 Michigan Cities How Mayor is Selected



49 Michigan Cities 15k-100k  
How Mayor is Selected

By Separate Vote



By Majority



By City Council

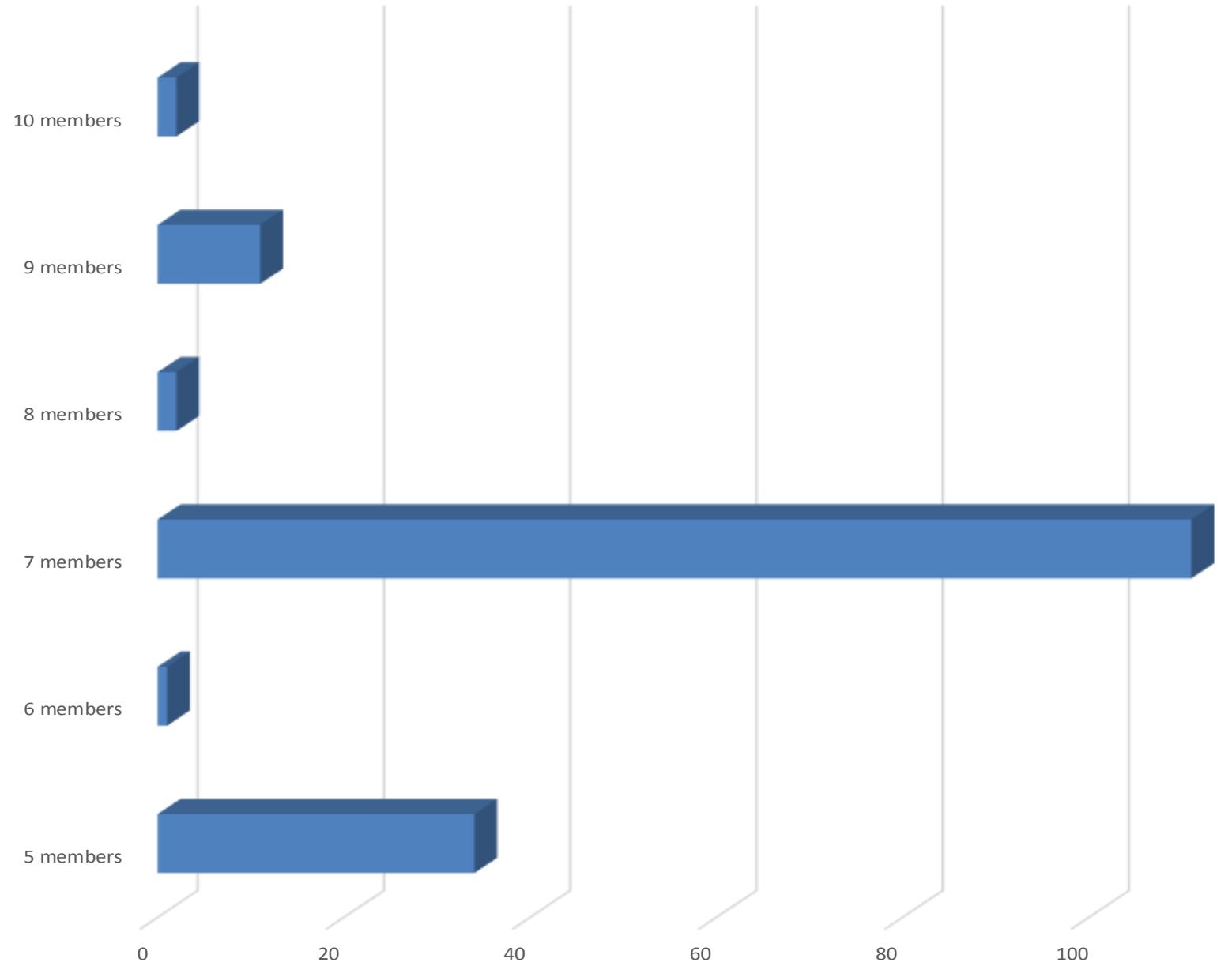


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# Changing the Size of the Commission

- ▶ **City of Battle Creek Charter:**
  - ▶ BC Charter, Section 2.2, sets the size of the commission at 9.
  - ▶ BC Charter, Section 2.4, provides that there will be 5 ward commissioners and 4 at-large commissioners.
- ▶ **Michigan Home Rule City Act:**
  - ▶ HRC Act, at MCL 117.3(a) requires that each city charter provide for the election of a body vested with legislative power. Elections may be by a partisan or nonpartisan ballot.
  - ▶ HRC Act, at MCL 117.3(b) requires that each city charter shall provide for the nomination of elective officers by partisan or nonpartisan primary, by petition, or by convention.
  - ▶ HRC Act, at MCL 117.3(e) requires that each city charter provide for “[t]he establishment of 1 or more wards, and if the members of the city’s legislative body are chosen by wards, for equal representation for each ward in the legislative body.”

161 Michigan Cities  
Number of Council Members



49 Michigan Cities 15k-100k  
Number of Council Members

10 members



9 members



7 members



5 members



49 Michigan Cities 15k-100k  
Wards vs At-Large

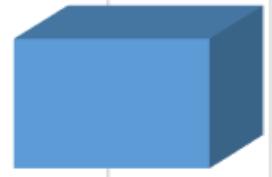
At-Large Only



Combination

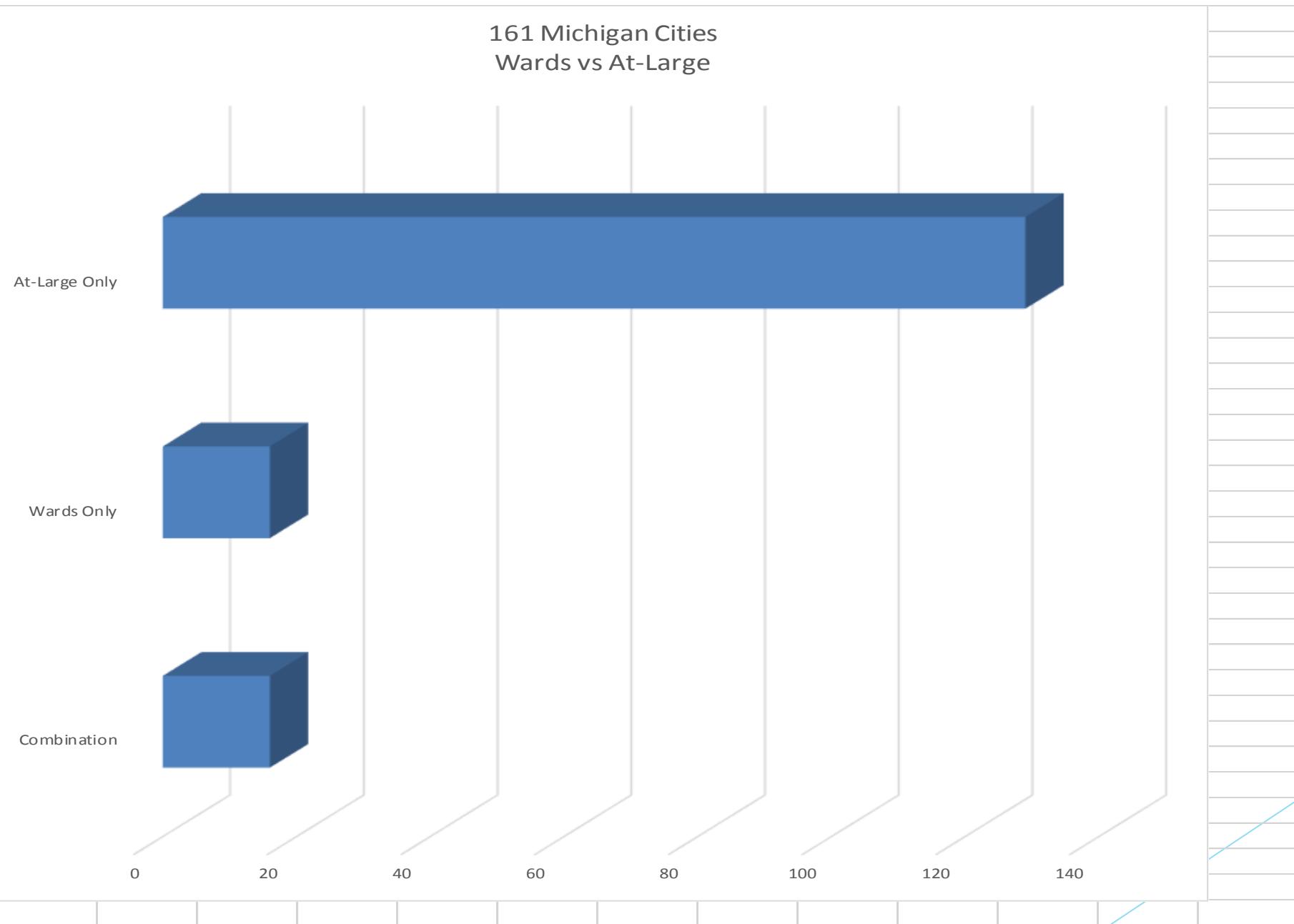


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Wards vs At-Large



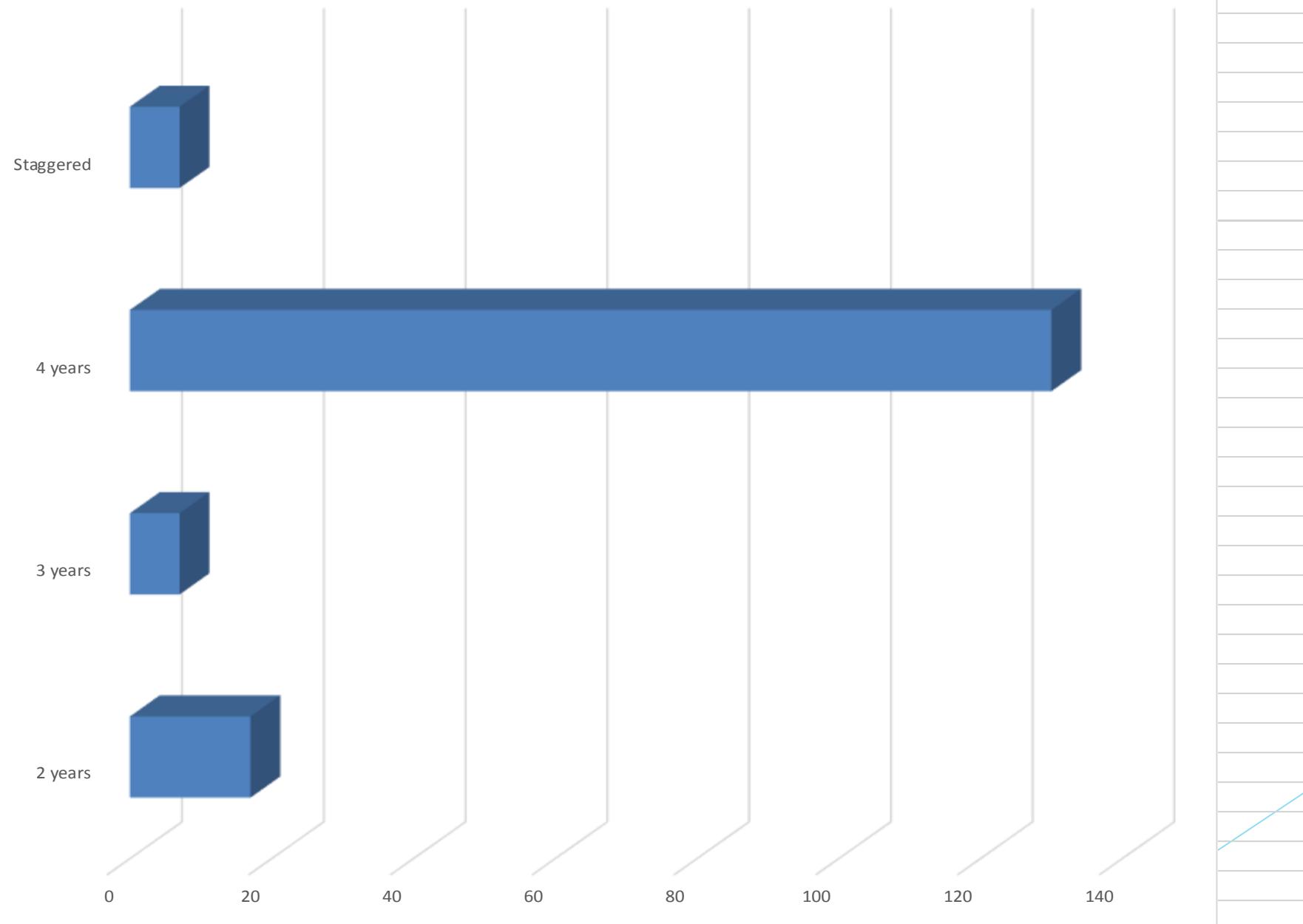
# Staggering Terms

- ▶ **City of Battle Creek Charter**, Section 2.4, provides as follows, in pertinent part:
  - ▶ “Thereafter five (5) Ward Commissioners shall be elected for terms of two (2) years in the even numbered years and the four At-Large Commissioners shall be elected for terms of two (2) years in the odd-numbered years. For At-Large Commissioners there shall be one general At-Large ballot or list for At-Large candidates and each elector may vote for as many candidates as there are offices to be filled. For Ward Commissioners there shall be a Ward list and each elector may vote for one candidate from his ward.”
- ▶ **Michigan Home Rule City** Act provides, at MCL 117.3(b) provides as follows, in pertinent part:
  - ▶ “(3) Notwithstanding any charter provision, the city may provide by resolution for any election provision that is consistent with the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.
- ▶ **Michigan Election Law** provides, at MCL 168.321(1), provides as follows:
  - ▶ “Except as provided in subsection (3) and sections 327, 641, 642, and 644g, the qualifications, nomination, election, appointment, term of office, and removal from office of a city officer shall be in accordance with the charter provisions governing the city.”

# Length of Terms

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  - ▶ MCL 168.644g(3): “In home rule cities ... [a] term shall not be for more than 4 years.

# 161 Michigan Cities Council Terms



49 Michigan Cities 15k-100k  
Council Terms

Staggered



4 Years



3 Years



2 Years



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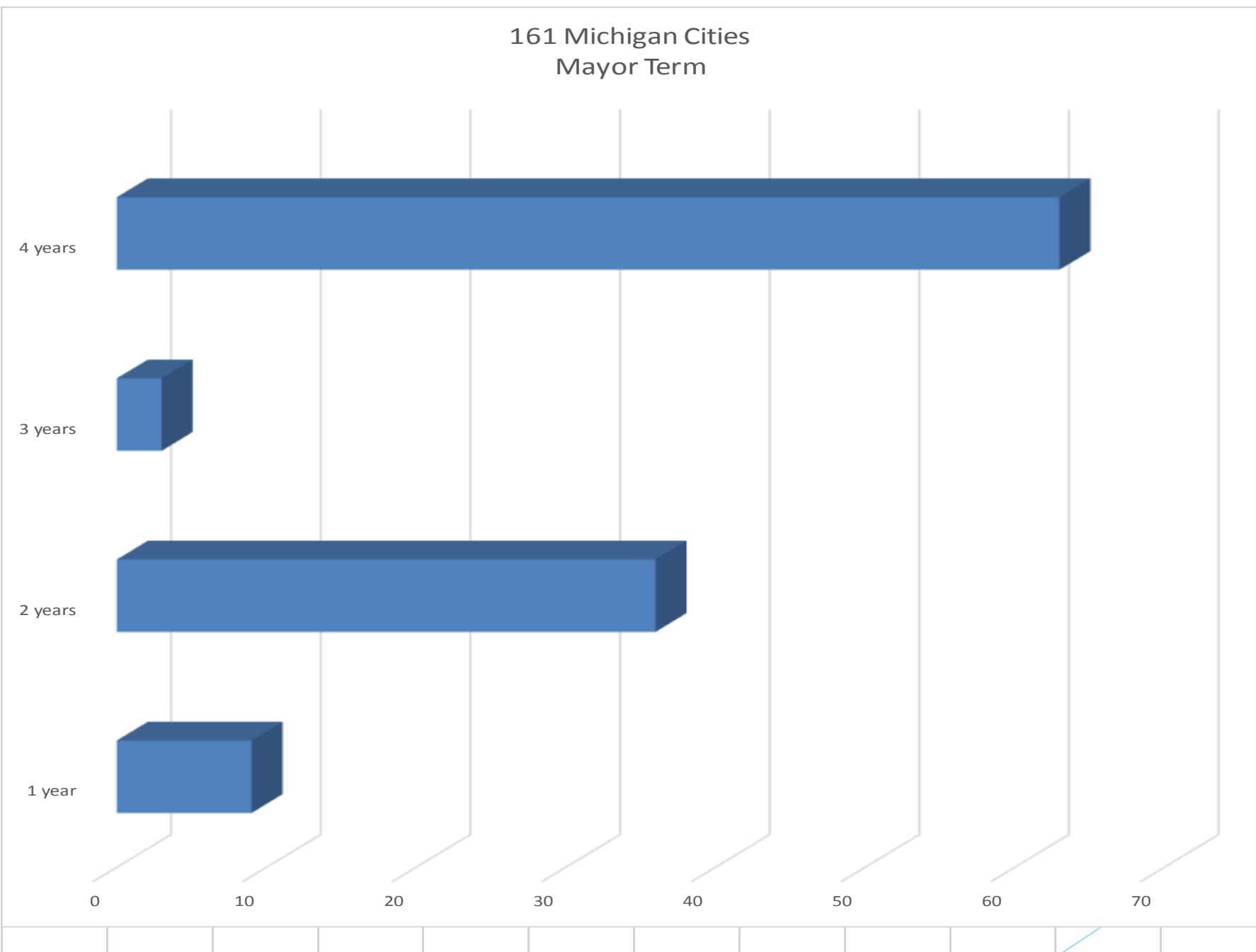
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161 Michigan Cities  
Mayor Term



49 Michigan Cities 15k-100k  
Mayor Term

4 years

3 years

2 years

1 year



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# Gendered Charter Language

- ▶ In some areas of the charter the term “he” is used presuming the official is a man.
  - ▶ §2.8: “Neither the City Commission nor any of its members shall dictate the appointment of any person to office or employment by the City Manager, or in any manner interfere with him in his control ...”
  - ▶ §5.1: “A City Manager shall be appointed by a majority of the membership of the City Commission ... He shall be the chief administrative officer of the City government. The Commission may designate a qualified person to perform the duties of Manager during his absence ...”
  - ▶ §5.9: “A City Attorney shall be appointed by the City Commission ... He shall give written opinions to any official or department when requested in writing to do ... His duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
    - ▶ (A) He shall conduct all cases in court whenever the City is a party thereto, or interested therein, except as special counsel may be engaged by the City Commission.
    - ▶ (B) He shall prepare or pass upon all contracts, bonds, ordinances and other instruments of a legal nature in which the City is concerned.
    - ▶ (C) He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or by the City Commission.
    - ▶ He may delegate his duties and powers to one or more deputies if they have been provided for, but he shall remain responsible for their acts.
- ▶ Ordinance §202.03 “Definitions and Interpretations” subsection (7) provides as follows: “(7) Gender. Words importing the masculine shall extend and be applied to the feminine and neuter genders.”

# Two Different Methods by which to Amend Home Rule City Charter:

- ▶ **Amendment vs Revision.** In order to change the form of government (such as changing from a City Manager run City to an elected Mayor who runs the city), a Charter Revision is required, which is a much lengthier, expensive and time consuming process. Changing details in a charter only requires an amendment.
- ▶ **Citizen Led:**
  - ▶ **HRC Initiatory Petition.** MCL 117.21, 117.25. Initiatory petitions are filed with the city clerk. The petition must state what body, organization or person is interested in and responsible for the circulation of the petitions and the securing of the amendment and must contain the signatures of at least 5% of the qualified registered electors of the city. (MCL 117.25)
  - ▶ Currently 35,744 qualified registered electors in the City of BC. An initiatory petition would require at least 1,788 signatures from qualified registered electors of the city in order to move forward with amendments by this method, which is ultimately submitted to voters.
- ▶ **City Commission Led:**
  - ▶ **HRC City Commission Resolution.** MCL 117.21, 117.25. Requires 3/5 vote by Commission and is ultimately submitted to voters.

# Process to Amend Charter by Legislative Body Resolution

- ▶ **HRC City Commission Resolution.** MCL 117.21, 117.25.
  - ▶ Commission passes Resolution with at least 6 votes for proposed charter amendment.
  - ▶ Proposed charter amendment must be published in full with existing language which would be altered or abrogated by the amendment.
  - ▶ All proposed charter amendments must be submitted to the Governor for approval. It is approved by the Governor if it is found to be legally unobjectionable.
  - ▶ Impartial statement of purpose of the proposed charter amendment must be prepared in not more than 100 words for printing on the ballot. This text must be submitted to the attorney general for approval as being in compliance with the act. The statement of purpose is frequently framed as a question.
  - ▶ Proposed charter amendment submitted at either a special or regular city election.

## Relevant Data from Cities in Michigan

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1			Population per 2010 Census	Type of Government		Wards/At-Large	How is your Mayor elected?		What is the term of office of your Mayor?	What is the term of office of elected City Council members?	Does your municipality stagger the election of your City Council members?	Are your elected City Council members partisan or non-partisan?
2	City	County	Population	Response	# on council		Response		Response	Response	Response	Response
3	Caseville	Huron	777	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
4	Gobles	Van Buren	829	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
5	Lake City	Missaukee	836	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
6	Stephenson	Menominee	862	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
7	Clarkston	Oakland	882	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
8	Au Gres	Arenac	889	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		1 year	3 years	Yes, every 3 years	Non-Partisan
9	Saugatuck	Allegan	925	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan
10	Carson City	Montcalm	1,093	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
11	Scottville	Manistee	1,214	Council - Manager	7	2 Wards (2ea)/3 At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
12	Coleman	Midland	1,243	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
13	Brown City	Sanilac County	1,325	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan
14	Litchfield	Hillsdale	1,369	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
15	Fennville	Allegan	1,398	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
16	Luna Pier	Michigan	1,436	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
17	Crystal Falls	Michigan	1,469	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
18	Olivet	Eaton	1,605	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
19	Sylvan Lake	Oakland	1,720	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		4 but can be 1	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
20	Parchment	Kalamazoo	1,804	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
21	Tawas City	Iosco	1,827	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
22	Watervliet	Berrien	1,843	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
23	Bangor	Van Buren	1,885	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		3 years	3 years	every 3 years	Non-Partisan
24	Evart	Osceola	1,903	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
25	Newaygo	Newaygo	1,976	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
26	Galesburg	Kalamazoo	2,009	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
27	West Branch	Ogemaw	2,139	Council - Manager	7	2 Wards/2 At-Large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
28	Perry	Shiawassee	2,188	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
29	Morenci	Lenawee	2,220	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
30	Jonesville	Hillsdale	2,258	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
31	Hudson	Lenawee	2,307	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		1 year	3 years	Yes, every 3 years	Non-Partisan
32	Bronson	West Branch	2,349	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
33	East Jordan	Charlevoix	2,351	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		1 year	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
34	Munising	Michigan	2,355	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		1 year	3 years	Yes every 2 years	Non-Partisan
35	Reed City	Osceola	2,425	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	6/4 yr 1/2 yr	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
36	Croswell	Michigan	2,447	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
37	Charlevoix	Charlevoix	2,513	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards/3 At-Large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors		2 years	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
38	Clio	Michigan	2,646	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan
39	Hartford	Van Buren	2,688	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
40	Vassar	Tuscola	2,697	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 yr & 2 yr	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
41	Whitehall	Michigan	2,706	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	3/4 yr 1/2 yr	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
42	East Tawas	Iosco	2,808	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
43	Rogers City	Presque Isle	2,827	Mayor - Council	5	All At -large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
44	Ithaca	Gratiot	2,910	Council - Manager	7	All At -large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
45	Manistique	Schoolcraft	3,097	Council - Manager	5	All At -large	Elected by City Council board		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan
46	Clare	Clare	3,118	Council - Manager	5	All At -large	Elected by City Council board		3 years	3 years	Yes, every 3 years	Non-Partisan
47	Bad Axe	Huron	3,129	Council - Manager	7	All At -large	Majority vote of electors		2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan

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48	Essexville	Bay	3,478	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
49	Gaylord	Otsego	3,645	Council - Manager	7	3 ward/3 at-large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
50	Bloomfield Hills	Oakland	3,869	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	1 year	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
51	Otsego	Allegan	3,956	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	2/ 4 yr 1/2 yr	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
52	Linden	Genesee	3,991	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
53	Wayland	Allegan	4,079	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	2 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
54	Fremont	Michigan	4,081	Mayor - Council	5	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
55	Algonac	St. Clair	4,110	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
56	Buchanan	Michigan	4,456	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
57	DeWitt	Clinton	4,507	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
58	Gibraltar	Wayne	4,656	Mayor - Council	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
59	Frankenmuth	Michigan	4,944	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
60	Gladstone	Delta	4,973	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Other (plea) Advisory vote on ballot but voted by city council	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
61	Davison	Genesee	5,123	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
62	Chelsea	Michigan	5,185	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
63	Eaton Rapids	Eaton	5,214	Council - Manager	5	3 Ward/1 at-large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
64	St. Clair	St. Clair	5,485	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards (2 ea)/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
65	Zeeland	Ottawa	5,504	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
66	Petoskey	Emmet	5,670	Council - Manager	5	4 Wards/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	1 year	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
67	Rockford	Kent	5,719	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
68	Belding	Ionia	5,757	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
69	Northville	Oakland and Wayne	5,970	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
70	Dexter	Washtenaw	6,042	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
71	Manistee	Manistee	6,226	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	1 year	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
72	Walled Lake	Oakland	6,999	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
73	Hudsonville	Ottawa	7,116	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
74	Three Rivers	St Joseph	7,811	Mayor - Council	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	2 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
75	St. Johns	Clinton	7,865	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
76	Ludington	Mason County	8,076	Council - Manager	8	6 Wards/1 At-large/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
77	Grand Blanc	Genesee	8,144	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
78	Mason	Ingham	8,252	Council - Manager	7	All At-large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
79	Center Line	Michigan	8,257	Council - Manager	5	All At-large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
80	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	8,305	Council - Manager	9	4 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
81	Flushing	Genesee	8,389	Mayor - Council	7	4 Wards/2 At-Large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
82	Greenville	Montcalm	8,481	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
83	Tecumseh	Lenawee	8,521	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	2 years	Yes, every year	Non-Partisan	
84	Menominee	Menominee	8,599	Council - Manager	9	4 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
85	Saline	Washtenaw	8,810	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
86	Lapeer	Lapeer	8,841	Council - Manager	6	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
87	Charlotte	Eaton	9,074	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
88	Alma	Gratiot	9,383	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	4 years	4 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
89	Howell	Livingston	9,489	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
90	Flat Rock	Wayne	9,878	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
91	Farmington	Oakland	10,372	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4/2 yr 1/2 yr	No	Non-Partisan	
92	Grand Haven	Ottawa	10,412	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	

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2	City	County	Population	Response	# on council		Response		Response	Response	Response	Response
93	Alpena	Alpena	10,483	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
94	Big Rapids	Mecosta	10,601	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
95	East Grand Rapids	Kent	10,694	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
96	Muskegon Heights	Muskegon	10,856	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
97	Ionia	Ionia	11,394	Council - Manager	9	4 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Partisan	
98	Niles City	Berrien	11,600	Council - Manager	9	4 Wards (2ea)/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
99	Fenton	Genesee/Oakland	11,756	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
100	Clawson	Oakland	11,825	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
101	Woodhaven	Wayne	12,875	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
102	Wixom	Oakland	13,498	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
103	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	14,144	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
104	Harper Woods	Wayne	14,236	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
105	Fraser	Macomb	14,480	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
106	Traverse City	Grand Traverse	14,674	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
107	Berkley	Oakland	14,970	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
108	Grosse Pointe Woods	Wayne	16,135	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
109	Hazel Park	Oakland	16,422	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
110	Ferndale	Oakland	19,900	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
111	Birmingham	Oakland	20,103	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	1 year	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
112	Monroe	Monroe	20,733	Council - Manager	7	7 Wards	Majority vote of electors	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
113	Adrian	Lenawee	21,133	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
114	Auburn Hills	Michigan	21,412	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	3/4 yr 1/2 yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
115	Hamtramck	Wayne	22,423	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
116	Walker	Kent	23,543	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
117	Romulus	Wayne	23,989	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
118	Norton Shores	Muskegon	23,994	Mayor - Council	9	2 Wards (2ea)/4 At-Large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
119	Inkster	Wayne	25,369	Council - Manager	7	6 Wards + Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
120	Wyandotte	Wayne	25,883	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
121	Mount Pleasant	Isabella	26,016	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Elected by Council board	3 years	3 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
122	Garden City	Wayne	27,692	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	2/4 yr 2/2 yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
123	Allen Park	Wayne	28,210	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
124	Oak Park	Oakland	29,319	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
125	Madison Heights	Oakland	29,694	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
126	Burton	Genesee	29,999	Mayor - Council	9	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
127	Southgate	Wayne	30,047	Mayor - Council	7	One Ward	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
128	Port Huron	St. Clair County	30,184	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
129	Eastpointe	Macomb	32,442	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
130	Holland	Ottawa / Allegan	33,501	Council - Manager	9	6 Wards/2 At-Large/+ Mayor	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
131	Jackson	Jackson	33,534	Council - Manager	7	6 Wards + Mayor	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
132	Bay City	Bay	34,932	Council - Manager	10	9 Wards + Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
133	Lincoln Park	Wayne	38,144	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
134	Muskegon	Muskegon	38,401	Mayor - Council	7	4 Wards/2 At-Large/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
135	Midland	Midland	41,863	Council - Manager	5	5 Wards	Elected by City Council board	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
136	Portage	Kalamazoo	46,262	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
137	Roseville	Macomb	47,299	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	

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138	East Lansing	Ingham	48,579	Council - Manager	5	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
139	Kentwood	Kent	48,707	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
140	Saginaw	Saginaw	51,508	Council - Manager	9	All At-Large	Elected by City Council board	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
141	Battle Creek	Calhoun	52,296	Council - Manager	9	5 Wards/4 At-Large	Elected by Council Board	1 year	3 years	No	Non-Partisan	
142	Novi	Oakland	55,224	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
143	Royal Oak	Oakland	57,236	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	3/4yr 3/2 yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
144	Dearborn Heights	Wayne	57,774	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4/ 4 yr 3/ 2yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
145	Pontiac	Oakland	59,515	Mayor - Council	7	7 Wards	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
146	St. Clair Shores	Macomb	59,715	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes	Non-Partisan	
147	Taylor	Wayne	63,131	Mayor - Council	7	All At Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
148	Rochester Hills	Oakland	70,995	Mayor - Council	7	4 Wards/3 At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
149	Southfield	Oakland	71,739	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4/4 yr 3/2yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
150	Wyoming	Kent	72,125	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards/3 At-Large/+ Mayor	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
151	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	74,262	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
152	Farmington Hills	Oakland	79,740	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Majority vote of electors	2 years	4 years	Yes, every 4 years	Non-Partisan	
153	Troy	Oakland	80,980	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
154	Westland	Wayne	84,094	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	3/ 4 yr 1/2 yr	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
155	Livonia	Wayne	96,942	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	3/4 yr 4/2 yr	Yes	Non-Partisan	
156	Dearborn	Wayne	98,153	Mayor - Council	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
157	Flint	Genessee	102,434	Mayor - Council	9	9 Wards	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
158	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw	113,934	Council - Manager	10	5 Wards (2 ea)	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Partisan	
159	Lansing	Ingham	114,297	Mayor - Council	8	4 Wards/4 At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	4 years	4 years	Yes 4 every odd year	Non-Partisan	
160	Sterling Heights	Macomb	129,699	Council - Manager	7	All At-Large	Separate vote of electors (not included with other council members)	2 years	2 years	No	Non-Partisan	
161	Warren	Macomb	134,056	Mayor - Council	7	5 Wards/2 At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	
162	Grand Rapids	Kent	196,445	Council - Manager	7	3 Wards (2 ea) + Mayor	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	Yes, every 2 years	Non-Partisan	
163	Detroit	Wayne	713,777	Mayor - Council	9	7 Wards/2 At-Large	Majority vote of electors	4 years	4 years	No	Non-Partisan	