

County

A division of local government.
There are 83 counties in Michigan.

An Idea

Any citizen can present an idea for a local law to the city council.



The Three Branches
of
Local Government
in the
State of Michigan

Village

A community of people with a smaller population

Township

A division of a county with varying governmental power

City

A community of people with a larger population

City
Hall

The place where a
city's leaders work
to enforce local
laws or ordinances

City
Council
Meetings

The place where
the city council
makes the laws

Police &
Fire
Chiefs

They enforce
local laws with the
help of city
directors and
inspectors

Jury

A group of citizens chosen to interpret laws and deliver verdicts

Judge

A person elected to interpret laws and deliver verdicts

Court System

The place where the judicial branch interprets the laws

City
Manager

The hired or
appointed leader
of local
government

Mayor

The elected
leader of local
government

City
Council

The elected
officials that
make local laws

Legislative

The branch of government that makes the laws

Executive

The branch of government that enforces the laws

Judicial

The branch of government that interprets the laws