

citizens p. 9	citizens	People born in this country or born elsewhere and have been <i>naturalized</i> or granted citizenship by the US government.
community p. 7	community	A group of people living in an area who share common characteristics, interests, activities or purposes.
public policy p. 10	public policy	Goals set by the government including the actions necessary to achieve those goals.
home-rule amendments p. 13	home-rule amendments	Local governments have the authority to handle their own internal affairs without interference from state government.
municipalities p. 16	municipalities	Densely populated areas with local government.
charter p. 16	charter	Legal document that defines the boundaries of a city and creates its government.
incorporation p. 17	incorporation	The process of establishing a community as a legal entity.
mandates p. 21	mandates	Required by law to be funded by taxpayers and are the responsibility of local government.
ordinances p. 23	ordinances	Municipal or local laws – rules to live by in your community; usually voted on by the taxpayers.
editorial p. 27	editorial	Article that expresses the writer’s opinion.
counties p. 14	counties	The largest unit of local government that states are divided into.
demographics p.37	demographics	Statistics about an area or group of people.