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1 | Kansas Legislative Session Begins January 9th

Since November elections concluded, legislators have been busy. Leadership elections were held on December 5th, committee leadership has since been selected, and legislators have now been appointed to committees. Additionally, the League took part in the pre-session activities with Executive Director Erik Sartorius providing a presentation on city governments during new legislator orientation.

The past month has led to the beginning of the 2017 session with the swearing in of legislators set for Monday, January 9th. Governor Sam Brownback will hold his State of the State Address on Tuesday, January 10th and will release budget details on January 11th. To stay in the loop with upcoming legislative news, make sure you're actively checking League News!

2 | Legislative Preview Webinar

On January 12th, at 10:30 a.m. the League will be providing a Legislative Preview Webinar to get League members ready for the upcoming session! The League membership approved the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) at the Annual Conference this past October, which provides direction to League staff on issues important to cities. To view the SMP, please click here (http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.lkm.org/resource/resmgr/publications/WEB_2017-municipal-policy-up.pdf).

Hot topics for the webinar include the property tax lid, weapons and firearms, asset forfeiture and KPERS. Please sign up for the free webinar (<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2055090965686609411>) to hear the issues that staff have been working on and how the process works to get legislation passed and signed by the Governor. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants, and it's filling up fast!

3 | Register for Local Government Day

With the 2017 Kansas Legislative Session beginning January 9th, start the year off by attending Local Government Day and becoming informed on what's happening at the Capitol. Local Government Day is on Wednesday, January 25th, and is an opportunity to meet with your legislators, talk with League legislative staff, and hear an update on issues important to your city. In addition, the Kansas Mayors Association hosts lunch for all mayors prior to the afternoon events.

Government Day will kick off at 2:00 p.m. awarding the "If I Were Mayor" contest winners, followed by a legislative policy meeting and an evening reception with state legislators and county officials. We will update the schedule of events as more information becomes available. You can register for Local Government Day here (<http://www.lkm.org/page/LocalGovernmentDay>).

4 | City Clerk Fundamentals MTI

The first Municipal Training Institute (MTI) course for 2017 is City Clerk Fundamentals, which is planned to occur in late February and early March in four locations. Registration for each of the locations can be found here (http://www.lkm.org/events/event_list.asp). All member cities will receive a newly updated copy of the City Clerks Manual ahead of the classes.

5 | Transition to November Elections

If your city has not passed the necessary ordinances to make the transition to November elections it is important that you do so by January 2017, at the latest. The deadline for candidates to file for the November 2017 elections will be June 1, 2017 and it will be important to have the changes to the November election process in place so those considering running for office will be able to understand the new city election process.

The League has drafted a number of sample ordinances to assist our members with the transition to November elections. You can view these sample ordinances, a flow chart explaining which ordinances apply to your city, and an article about the election changes here (<http://www.lkm.org/page/SampleOrdinances>). As always, consult your city attorney before adopting any ordinance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the League at (785) 354-9565.

6 | New IRS Employer Requirements Begin in January

Kansas municipalities that employ or contract with individuals need to be aware of a new January 31, 2017 deadline regarding the filing of wage informational returns (W-2s and W-3s) and 1099-MISC returns.

In order for the IRS to verify 2016 tax refund claims, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113) passed December 18, 2015 changes the due date of employer's informational returns filed with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

For more information, download this document (/resource/resmgr/files/league_news/2016/linked_documents/irs_file_date_change.pdf).

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