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1 | **Legislative Changes Take Effect**

July 1, 2017 is the effective date for new legislation (or changes to legislation) to become law. Cities should be aware of these changes that affect local government and municipalities:

Seat Belt Fines Increase: SB 89 increased the fine for a seat belt violation from \$10 to \$30 and goes into effect on July 1, 2017. The 2017 STO will include this change. Sample ordinances have previously been provided via e-mail to give guidance for updating your current ordinances.

KOMA Changes for Executive Session: While on the surface the changes to the Kansas Open Meeting Act in Section 4 of HB 2301 appear minor, the bill makes some significant changes to the procedure for recessing into executive session in order to codify best practices and encourage a more open process. The League created a quick reference document for cities to understand changes which will take effect on July 1, 2017. View our quick reference materials online (<http://www.lkm.org/page/relatedinformation>) for understanding the procedural changes. Sign up for our August MTI on KOMA/KORA (http://www.lkm.org/events/event_list.asp) for a full review of current legislation.

Payroll Withholdings: New tax withholding goes into effect July 1, 2017. The new tax withholding tables are online from Kansas Department of Revenue at <https://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/whtables2017.pdf> (<https://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/whtables2017.pdf>).

Amusement Ride Legislation: New legislation goes into effect for amusement ride operators regarding permitting and inspection on July 1. The League has provided guidance to cities via e-mail leading up to the July 1 effective date, however, there are many questions still left to be answered. Please continue to check your e-mail as we work with the Department of Labor to provide you answers to your questions. The DOL has a public meeting set for Sept. 7 at 9 a.m., view the meeting details online (<https://www.dol.ks.gov/Safety/park.aspx>).

2 | NLC Early Bird Rate Ends Next Week

Are you interested in attending the National League of Cities City Summit in Charlotte in November? The early bird rate for the conference ends one week from today. Join other elected and appointed officials as they talk about issues affecting local government on a national scale. Register online today (<http://citysummit.nlc.org/>)!

3 | STO/UPOC – Order Your Copies Online Today!

The revised and edited 2017 Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) publications are now available to order online and will be shipped the second week of July. The STO and UPOC manuals offer an efficient, economical way to incorporate traffic ordinances and over 100 public offenses that can be adjudicated in municipal court. The League offers electronic and hard copy editions for cities to purchase. Follow links below to order your copies.

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4 | Annual Conference – Print Our Conference Guide!

The League's Annual Conference, September 16-18, in Wichita is going to be a great resource for local officials in Kansas. An online guide to the conference is available for print and sharing with elected and appointed officials. Visit <http://www.lkm.org/page/AnnualConference> (<http://www.lkm.org/page/AnnualConference>).

5 | KOMA/KORA MTI Set for August

Maintaining openness in government is a key responsibility for elected and appointed city officials. It is critical that city and county attorneys, along with elected and appointed officials, have a working knowledge of both the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). This workshop provides an in-depth legal analysis of both KOMA and KORA. The changes regarding executive session motions will be covered.

This MTI is a core class and the League recommends that any city official attend the class. Three locations will be offered in August: Neodesha (August 11), Edwardsville (August 18) and Garden City (August 25). Register online (http://www.lkm.org/events/event_list.asp) today! Cost to attend this course is \$100 for members, \$125 for nonmembers. Lunch and KOMA/KORA manuals provided. This MTI has been submitted for CLE and IIMC approval.

6 | Certified Census Populations Provided by Division of Budget

The League has placed the 2017 Certified Census population tables on our website (<http://www.lkm.org/page/MunicipalResearch>) showing the most recent population figures available from the United States Bureau of the Census. These population figures are certified to the Secretary of State by the Division of the Budget on July 1, 2017. As such, they become the official state population figures and should be used whenever the use of population figures is referred to or designated by a statute.

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