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QUESTIONS ABOUT SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS?

Do you have questions about the timing of swearing in newly elected officials? League Legal Counsel Amanda Stanley will be doing a Facebook Live video on Monday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. to provide you with tips and recommendations for swearing in.

League staff will promote a few of the educational opportunities planned for December and January to prepare both your organization and newly elected governing body members for a successful transition of power. Join us [on our Facebook page](#) at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 13 to see the Facebook Live video and ask questions at the same time!

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS & FIREARMS

For most cities, the exemption from the adequate security measures required to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun into a public building will be ending on December 31, 2017 or January 1, 2018 (review your documents to determine when your four-year exemption ends). Once the exemption ends, the city will be required to remove its current signs prohibiting concealed carry unless the city has armed personnel with a metal detector at each public entrance. Information from the League about open carry, temporary no concealed carry and signage is available by [downloading our infographic](#).



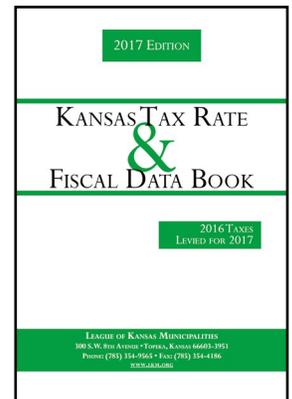
[DOWNLOAD OUR INFOGRAPHIC](#)

DEADLINE APPROACHING TO COMPLETE TAX RATE & FISCAL DATA SURVEY

The League would like to thank the city officials who completed our 2018 Tax Rate Questionnaire for the Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data Book, which will appear in the March issue of the *Kansas Government Journal*. If you have not yet responded the survey, there is still time! The deadline is **November 30, 2017**.

Data published in the tax rate book is used throughout the year by a variety of city and county officials, state agencies and the media. It is important for each of these entities to have access to this vital city data.

Please contact Chardae Caine, League Research Associate, via [e-mail](#) or call (785) 354-9565 if you have questions about this survey.



"IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD..."

The League's annual "If I Were Mayor" contest for 7th graders is underway. It's very simple. Regional winners will win \$125. One memo will be chosen to win \$250 and will be named the state-wide winner. It's very easy to enter. Here's how:

1. Think About Your Community
2. How Would You Improve the City?
3. Write a 250-word Memo
4. Submit Memo Online by Nov. 18, 2017

For contest rules, examples, a template and to submit your memo online, [visit our website](#). For more information, contact us at (785) 354-9565.

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MTI: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CITIES (ELECTIVE)

The League is offering a new Municipal Training Institute course for cities to examine and discuss issues surrounding social media use for cities and municipalities. This course will review policy issues for cities including a basic social media policies and terms of use for external audiences as well as a discussion on policy considerations for employees and elected officials. The course will also provide in-depth discussion and review of social media best practices including current technology, platforms and applications including:

- Strategic messaging to engage audiences;
- Creating editorial calendars and content management;
- Developing graphics and video for social media; and
- Tips on how to use low-to-no-cost applications for scheduling, advertising, and planning.



We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, city attorneys, city clerks, elected officials and those responsible for posting social media for cities. This course will be taught by Amanda Stanley, Legal Counsel and Megan Gilliland, Communications & Education Manager, both with the League of Kansas Municipalities. The course will be taught in two locations: November 30 in Tonganoxie and December 1 in Girard. The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. The course has been submitted for IIMC credit. [Register online for this event.](#)

WEBINAR: TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL GOVERNING BODY TRANSITION

Many municipalities will welcome new faces on the governing body in the coming months. Creating a governing body orientation program or packet can help lay the groundwork for a successful transition for elected officials – both new and experienced. An orientation program can help determine the roles within the organization, explain legally required procedures, and educate governing body members about ongoing and existing city projects/programs. Providing a comprehensive orientation program can help new elected officials determine their role and balance the demands of public service with their private life as a resident.

Who should participate: This course is developed for city managers/administrators, city clerks, city attorneys and elected officials seeking ideas for orientation procedures. Webinar Registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 12 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. [Register online.](#)

THANK YOU!

Now that the General Election is over, local governments will now work to seat newly elected and re-elected governing body members on the 2nd Monday of January 2018. To all of the candidates who ran for public office this November, we thank you for your efforts! We know that running for elected office is not easy but having a committed, passionate group of individuals leading Kansas cities is critical to the success of every community. Thank you for your service and dedication to serving local governments. Look for upcoming information on new training materials for governing bodies as well as information on developing a successful orientation program.



NOVEMBER 15 IS AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Communities across the nation come together on November 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day. To find out more information, [visit their website](#) for event ideas, infographics about recycling and ideas for promoting recycling on your social media accounts.

