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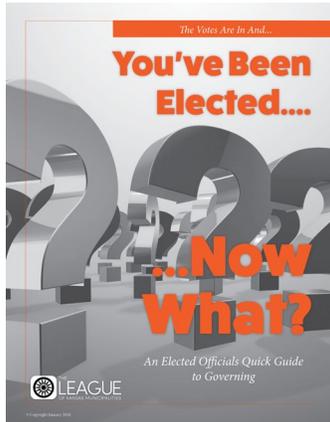
REGISTER TODAY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-present Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 24, 2018. City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day. In the morning, make appointments to visit with your legislators about issues that are important to your community. As you arrive at the Capitol, stop by the Visitors Center Auditorium 4-N (located on the right after security) to meet with League staff for a briefing, prior to your appointments.

In the afternoon, League policy committees will meet to discuss pending legislation, the "If I Were Mayor Awards" will be handed out, and then we will be joined by fellow County officials and hear presentations from legislative leaders.

City and county officials are then invited to join us for an evening reception with legislators at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. All legislators are being invited to this event.

This event is free to attend, but **please register/RSVP** so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments. Visit www.lkm.org/LocalGovernmentDay to register and to view the schedule of events for the day.



QUICK START GUIDE TO GOVERNING

If your city is welcoming new elected officials soon, or if you just need a good guide on the basics of governing, we have the publication for you! The League produced an 8-page, quick-reference guide for elected officials which provides basics on effective meetings, public service tips, and KOMA. Look for a copy in your January-February Kansas Government Journal or download a copy today from our [website](#).

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW WEBINAR

The Legislative Session begins January 8, 2018! League membership approved the *Statement of Municipal Policy* (SMP) at the Annual Conference providing direction to staff on issues important to cities. Our Action Agenda for 2018 includes tax lid modifications, blighted and abandoned housing, protection of Home Rule, internet sales tax collection, alcoholic liquor taxes, streamlined sales tax, and utility service territory.

League staff will provide an overview of legislative priorities during a webinar on Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. Review the *SMP online* and *register today for your spot in the webinar!* The webinar is free of charge and limited to 100 League members on a first-come basis.



DECEMBER KANSAS GOVERNMENT JOURNAL

Look for this month's *Kansas Government Journal* in your mailbox! Our cover story focuses on succession planning for cities - both in terms of elected and appointed staff.

We posted a brief preview of the story [on our website](#) (but look for your copy today for full access to great local government information).



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MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: PLANNING & ZONING

City planning and zoning is a perennial issue for municipalities. It's challenging; yet essential to good governance. The League of Kansas Municipalities is offering an elective Municipal Training Institute course in January 2018. This course will focus on the authority of Kansas cities to enact planning and zoning laws and regulations. The course will focus on:

- The roles/responsibilities of a city Planning Commission;
- Comprehensive planning;
- Zoning regulations, rezoning topics and zoning appeals; and
- Best practices for municipal zoning professionals and appointed officials.



We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, city attorneys, planning/zoning staff or commissioners, and/or elected officials. The course will be a coordinated effort taught by Eric Smith, Deputy General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities and planning/zoning professionals from Kansas cities. This course will be submitted for IIMC credit.

The course is offered in two locations:

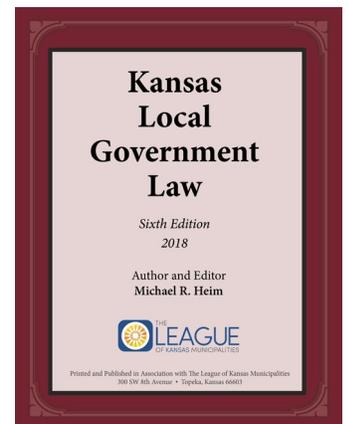
- January 12, Bonner Springs
- January 19, McPherson

All attendees will receive a copy of the newly revised manual, Planning and Zoning for Kansas Municipalities (revised November 2017).

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. Register online at www.lkm.org/events.

REVISED LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW HANDBOOK READY TO ORDER

The updated Kansas Local Government Law Handbook (2018) by Mike Heim is considered an essential publication for individuals who interact with local government on a regular basis. The handbook provides an analysis of new election laws shifting local elections from spring to fall; the open meetings law and the open records law changes including new penalty provisions and new enforcement authority for the Attorney General and local prosecutors; new city and county tax lid information; budgeting, cash basis law, auditing, accounting, public funds, deposits and investments, and municipal bond updates; the latest Kansas Tort Claims Act, Section 1983 and other federal civil rights laws updates; preemption of local governments' ability to regulate the open carrying of knives, firearms and handguns and the concealed carrying of handguns; employment-at-will, due process, and free speech of public employees updates; city and county Home Rule powers, planning and zoning, and a new section dealing with economic development tools and public incentives. The Sixth Edition is available to [order online](#) and will be shipped in January 2018.



LEAGUE OFFICES HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The League offices will be closed on the following days to celebrate the holiday season:

- Office closes at noon on Friday, December 22
- Office closed on Monday, December 25
- Office closed on Monday, January 1

Make sure to contact League staff with any legal issues or other concerns before the holiday closures.

We wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2018!

