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**October 6-8 Maner Conference Center/Capitol Plaza Hotel Topeka**

### Annual Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance\*

#### Friday, October 5

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
City Attorneys CLE

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
City Attorneys Luncheon

1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.  
City Attorneys Concurrent  
Breakout Sessions

2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
City Attorneys CLE, continued

3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
City Attorneys Reception

#### Saturday, October 6

10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Registration Open

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
Legislative Policy Committee

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Municipal Training Institute

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Governing Body Meeting

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
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6:00 p.m. -  
Open Evening

#### Sunday, October 7

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration Open

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
"Ask an Expert" Roundtables

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
General Session

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Trade Show Opening & Lunch

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.  
Concurrent Workshops I

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
KMIT Meeting & Reception

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.  
Trade Show & Vendor Prizes

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
League & Host City Social Event

#### Monday, October 8

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Registration Open

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Trade Show Hall Open

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Affiliate Breakfasts

8:35 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  
"Rapid Fire" Workshops

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
Trade Show Hall: Prize Giveaway

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  
Concurrent Workshops II

12:00 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  
Public Service Awards Luncheon

1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  
Concurrent Workshops III

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Community/Innovation  
Awards Panel

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
Closing Business Meeting

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August 17..... MTI: KOMA/KORA MTI (Concordia)

August 24.....MTI: KOMA/KORA MTI (Lenexa)

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## Obituaries

**William L. (Bill) Musick**, 45, Lawrence, passed away unexpectedly on May 18, 2018, at his home. Bill was born December 23, 1972, in Lawrence, the son of John William Jr. and Gloria Kaye (Holladay) Musick. He graduated from Wellsville, Kansas High School in 1991. After attending KU and JCCC, he became a licensed journeyman electrician and was currently employed by the City of Lawrence for over 15 years. On June 20, 1998, Bill and Sarah A. Mount were married near Ottawa.

Bill had a passion and drive to help his community. He was a member of the Douglas County Amateur Radio Club for several years, currently serving as its treasurer. He was also an active member of IMT (International Mobile Telecommunications) for the State of Kansas, where he was a Communication Coordinator.

In his youth, Bill was a 10-year member of Franklin County 4-H, where he served in various club offices, and was named as the county's "Mr. 4-H" during his 10th year. Bill enjoyed not only his family, but loved researching and documenting his ancestry. Bill's passion for this caused him to spend endless hours compiling family trees not only for his immediate family, but also those of his extended family.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Sarah; his parents John W. Jr. and Gloria K. (Holladay) Musick of Wellsville; sister: Annette (Musick) Johnson, husband Philip of Lenexa; and an extended family of nieces, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**John David Van Gorden**, 71, Frontenac, passed away on May 17, 2018, at his home. He was born August 27, 1946, in Pittsburg, the son of George and Christine (Penachio) Van Gorden. John retired from the City of Pittsburg after a 45-year career. He served the city in various capacities including Director of Public Works, Director of Parks and Recreation, Assistant City Manager, and Interim City Manager - a position he held on four separate occasions.

John attended Pittsburg High School and graduated in 1964. He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1965 until he was honorably discharged in 1971. In June 1967, he was united in marriage to Sandi Askins. On February 1, 2003, he was united in marriage to Joye Russell of Joplin, MO. She survives of the home.

John began his career with the City of Pittsburg in February 1967. In honor of Van Gorden's 45 years of service, the city staff renamed the Public Utilities Building at Memorial Drive and Walnut the Van Gorden Utilities Service Center.

He was a member of the Frontenac American Legion, Elks Lodge #412, lifetime member of the American Public Works Association, and the American Water Works Association.

In addition to his wife Joye, he is survived by a son, Todd Van Gorden and his wife Amy of Ozark, MO; a daughter, Traci Vincent and her husband Doug of Auburn, KS; three stepsons, Jeremy Coonrod of Pittsburg, Ryan Coonrod and his wife Kim of Pittsburg, and Joshua Coonrod of Pittsburg; a sister, Georgann Van Gorden Potter of Pittsburg; eight grandchildren; and a large extended family.

# Director's Foreword

by Erik Sartorius



Is there a name for the situation where one of the seasons simply doesn't occur? (Spoiler: the answer is "no," according to a cursory meandering on Google.) Spring certainly seems to have decided to sit out 2018 and summer has made its entrance onto the stage a few scenes earlier than it should. On my morning walks and evening jogs (which need to occur more frequently), I see grass that looks like it has been transported to us from August - brown, crispy, and defeated. I don't think I am up for one of our classic, Kansas hot summers. We certainly do not need it with so much of our state significantly behind in rainfall this year.

Fortunately, it only feels as if we jumped from February to August weather-wise. Fortunate from a city perspective because that would mean we had lost valuable time to contemplate funding priorities and shape budgets prior to August deadlines! This is a critical time of the year for cities, and for several of you this is the first budget cycle in which you have gotten to participate and offer your insights into the needs of your city.

And what goes best with the budgeting cycle? No, not lemonade - the League's *Budget Tips!* Spearheaded by Deputy General Counsel Eric Smith, this members-only publication provides cities with critical guidance and budget information to assist you in formulating your 2019 budgets. Eric and Research Associate Chardae Caine have pulled together data regarding economic forecasts and expected state revenues as background material you should have available to you as you develop your municipal budget. How do I know that this is solid information? Since it became available only to members, *Budget Tips* has been the single largest reason we have had cities and counties join the League in the middle of the year.

Politics is in the air as well. Candidates had until June 1 to register for each of the four statewide offices, the four U.S. Congressional Districts and the House of Representatives. For the statewide and congressional offices, candidates are plentiful. In the race to be the next governor of Kansas, seven Republicans, five Democrats, and one Independent candidate are on the ballot (including teenagers who registered before the legislature changed the law). To replace U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, seven Republicans will be battling it out in August to see who will face off with the Democrat candidate. Congressman Kevin Yoder picked up two primary challengers and has six Democrats vying for their party's nomination. Congressman Ron Estes and the Democrat he beat

for the seat each have primary challengers, with Estes running against his namesake, Ron M. Estes. Let the games begin!

Meanwhile, the Kansas House races shape up a little differently. Several seats are going to have competitive races, but 48 of the 125 seats will have no major-party competition, meaning those candidates are all-but-elected already (27 Republicans and 21 Democrats). That is nearly 40% of the House! Sixteen more seats will be decided at the August primary, meaning over 50% of the House will be known before the November elections.

The League sent letters out to all candidates congratulating them on seeking public office. Furthermore, we have also sent them a questionnaire to gauge their stances on issues important to cities. Please encourage your local candidates to respond to our request. Not only is it important to establish relationships with the candidates now, but you also want to know how they are going to treat issues important to you.

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I always hate saying goodbye to talented people departing the state of Kansas. At the same time, I am thrilled when the capabilities and character of colleagues are recognized by others. With that, I offer a huge congratulation to Jason Gage, who is departing as City Manager for the City of Salina. There, he helped the city move forward with several initiatives I feel are really helping position Salina for greater success. Just as important, Jason has been tireless in helping city staff improve in their roles and make them a cohesive group of professionals. That is not something any organization can take for granted; Jason excelled in fostering a "servant leader" environment. He is headed to

Springfield, Missouri to take charge of a city that has been having a bit of a renaissance over the past several years. (And let's be honest - Missouri always needs all the help it can get, right? )

Lastly, I hope all dads out there had a wonderful Father's Day. Not a day goes by where I don't think about mine. Whether via his career as a speech pathologist in Sedgwick County or spending his summers reading to kids at the public library's story time, I remember vividly how much he cared about the youth in our cities. Please take time to celebrate the fathers and father figures in your world!

As always, please share any questions, concerns or comments with me at [esartorius@lkm.org](mailto:esartorius@lkm.org) or (785) 354-9565. 

# Ripple Effect

## Kansas Cities Work to Deliver, Distribute, and Discuss Water Issues

By Megan Gilliland, Communications and Education Manager, League of Kansas Municipalities

Water is a precious resource, especially in the dry, arid climate of central and western Kansas. Many municipalities across our state are taking steps to address issues surrounding water quality, water distribution, and water conservation. In cities of all sizes, water quality and distribution is an important component to the overall delivery of municipal services. In this article, we look at various water infrastructure issues and one city's innovative approach to educating residents about their water use.

### Treatment

Delivering quality water to residents is one of the most important services local governments provide. In 2002, the City of Holton and Jackson County Rural Water District #3 formed a Public Wholesale Water Supply District in an effort to provide additional water for each entity. Both of the entities came together to contribute to the construction of the Banner Creek Reservoir, a 535-acre lake in Jackson County. Both the City and the Rural Water District secured water rights from the reservoir to provide 100% of the water needed to supply a new 3-million gallon capacity water treatment plant south of the city. The plant was originally built using a membrane system to treat water prior to distribution. However, in 2012, the membrane system was replaced with a gravity sand filtration system.

"The membrane system proved to be costly for us and we struggled with capacity," said Dennis Ashcraft, Water/Waste Water Superintendent for the City of Holton. "With the sand filtration



Small scale example of a gravity sand filtration system.

system, we're able to meet the quality and quantity needs of our customers, and we saw a substantial chemical cost savings each year."

The replacement of the membrane system to the gravity sand filtration system was funded through a \$1.6 million USDA Rural Development Loan.

"We found out that a simpler system is better for us," said Ashcraft. "We have the flexibility we need to run and maintain the plant while still providing great service to our customers."

Ashcraft said there are many cities using membrane systems efficiently and that technology continues to improve the water treatment industry. Continual education in industry standards and trends is important to make sure cities are current and abreast of technology upgrades.

"Water is the one thing we can overlook at times but it is what keeps us alive," said Ashcraft. "Everything we do as a City is dependent on good, quality water."

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## Delivery & Billing

Dozens of cities in Kansas have switched from manual meter reading to automated meter reading (AMR) for utilities. AMR is the general term for the technology used to automatically collect consumption, diagnostic, and status data from utility meters and transfer the data to a central database for billing, troubleshooting, and analysis. AMR systems save utility providers the expense of periodic trips to each physical location to read a meter. Another advantage is that billing can be based on near real-time consumption rather than on estimates based on past or predicted consumption. AMR systems can help both utility providers and customers better control the use and production of electric energy, gas usage, or water consumption.

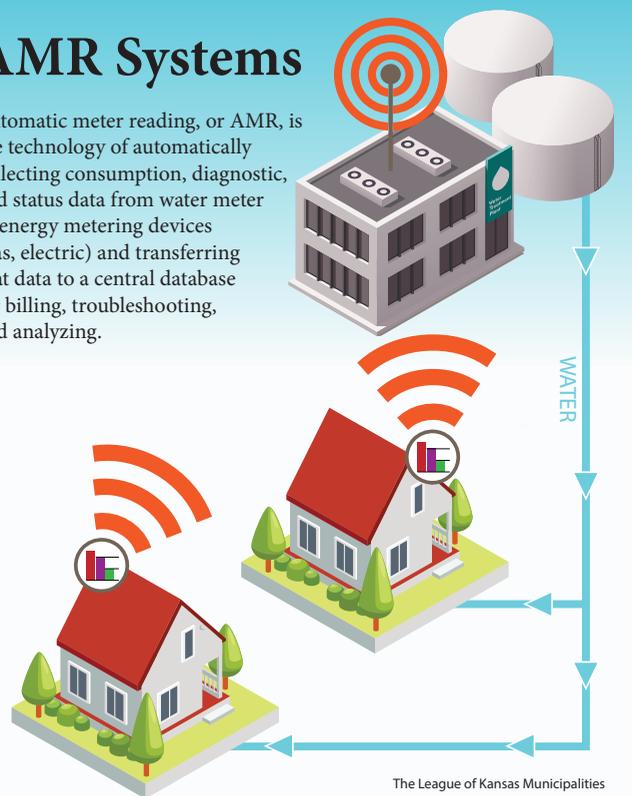
In LaCrosse, City Manager Duane Moeder commented that their switch to an AMR system was a pretty simple choice for the community.

“We had old meters that needed to be replaced and we were looking at a smaller workforce to read the meters,” said Moeder. “The accuracy and convenience of the automated system is a plus and it will eventually lead to cost savings.”

In LaCrosse, population 1,200, the City knew a new electric and water AMR system was the best path forward for their utility. The community was positive to the technology switch and the City is installing the meters with existing staff. The AMR switch was paid for with existing utility funds.

## AMR Systems

Automatic meter reading, or AMR, is the technology of automatically collecting consumption, diagnostic, and status data from water meter or energy metering devices (gas, electric) and transferring that data to a central database for billing, troubleshooting, and analyzing.





*Garden City found that 40% of water used in the City is for residential outdoor watering.*

“In western Kansas, we know how important water is,” said Moeder. “A few years ago, the City voted to add a 1% sales tax for water services – this helped pay for the AMR program, new water lines, and the water treatment plant.”

## Conservation & Public Education

In Garden City, the City relies on 17 groundwater wells for water service. All but three of these wells pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer, the shallow water table which underlies 112 million acres in part of eight states, including Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. The Ogallala is being depleted faster than it can be recharged with precipitation. According to the Kansas Water Office, the aquifer’s water quantity and quality decline is generating significant concern about the future of economic security and longevity of communities in the region.

“Water is not scarce in Garden City. However, we do see water as a declining resource,” said Fred Jones, Water Resource Manager for the City of Garden City. “Our municipality is reliant on water for the regional agricultural economy. We are working to increase programs that focus on water reuse in our community and increase conservation specifically for residential outdoor watering.”

For the second year in a row, the City of Garden City has produced individualized water consumption reports for each household in the city — approximately 6,900 households. The report uses GIS mapping to develop the average household consumption by geographic location, and then communicates the specific household’s usage and trends for two years. Examples of the report are on next page.

“By using the GIS system, we could make some assumptions about the households and compare generally similar data including lot size, square footage, and houses of a similar age and construction materials,” said Jones.

The report gives each household personalized data on their water usage from the previous year as well as an estimate of their annual increase or decrease in cost to provide water to their household. The utility insert also provides tips on conservation techniques and how the individual household’s average daily consumption compares to similar households in the City.

“I think the report has had a mixed reception by residents,” said Ford. “Some appreciate the information and others don’t. Regardless, every resident is getting a message about water usage and they all know more about their water usage than they did prior to receiving the report. I think it is very important that we are giving customers information on the money they are spending on their water utility.”

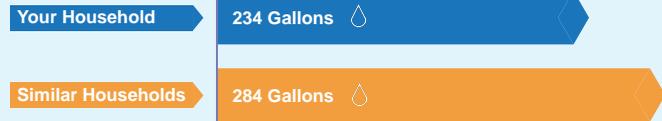
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Based on your water usage in 2017, you are projected to use **18% Less Water** per day in 2018 than similar households in Garden City. Your annual water cost for 2018 could be **\$40 Less** than similar households.

**How Does Your Home Compare?**

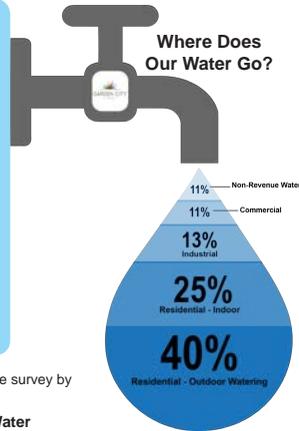
Here's how your average daily water usage stacked up against households like yours in 2017.



**How Much Water is Your Sprinkler System Really Using?**



Over **60%** of residential water consumed in Garden City is used for outdoor watering. That is over **1 Billion Gallons annually!** Homes with clock-timer controlled irrigation systems use about **50% more water** outdoors than homes without irrigation systems. Experts estimate that as much as half the water used is wasted due to over-watering and poorly maintained sprinkler systems. Consider changing your landscape or purchasing a WaterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controller to take the guesswork out of programming your controller.



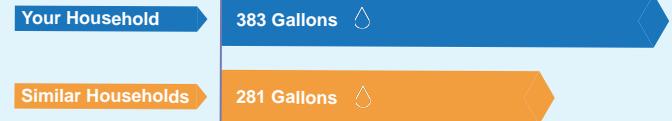
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018GCWater>



Based on your water usage in 2017, you are projected to use **37% More Water** per day in 2018 than similar households in Garden City. Your annual water cost for 2018 could be **\$80 More** than similar households.

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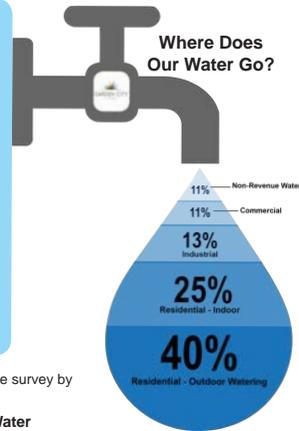
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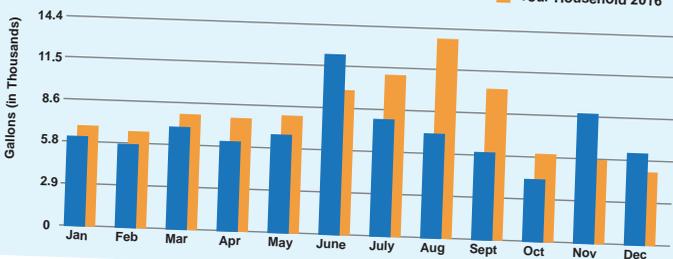
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**Water Usage Over Time**

Below is your average daily water usage in **2017** compared to your average daily water usage in **2016**.



**Take Action!**

Follow these tips to help you save water and money!



**Energy Star**

Older washers use up to **45 gallons per load** of laundry! High efficient energy star rated washers use about **15-30 gallons of water per load**. Consider replacing older washers with Energy Star rated washers with a low integrated water factor.



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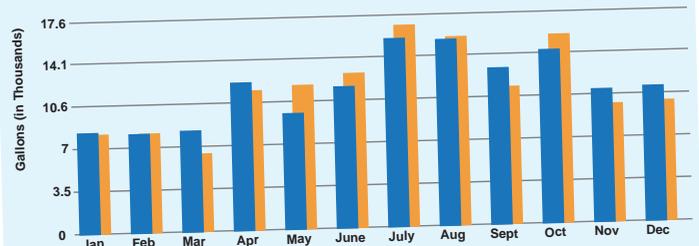


**Flushes Count**

Did you know that older toilets can use **3-7 gallons of water per flush?** If your home was built before 1992, consider replacing your toilets with WaterSense labeled toilets, which use on average **1.2 gallons per flush!**

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# 2018 Legislative Wrap Up

*By League Legislative Staff*

**F**ollowing last year's 114-day legislative session, the 2018 session went for exactly 90 days. The main topic for much of this session was the Kansas Supreme Court's order to adequately fund public education. Initially the focus was on an additional cost-study to help determine funding. The legislature passed an education plan on the last day of the regular session with a 12:30 a.m. vote in the Senate. Following a trailer bill during veto session, the plan adds an additional \$534 million to K-12 education over the next five years. The Kansas Supreme Court will now review the additional funding to see if it passes constitutional muster.

The continuous Kansas budget crisis of the past five years was put on hiatus in 2018 thanks to additional funding from the 2017 tax increase and potential additional funds from the federal tax cut. This year's budget included funding for state employee raises and restored a good portion of the funding for higher education.



Our legislative team testified over 75 times during the 90-day session. The testimony, plus the on-the-ground efforts of our lobbyist team, and the voices of elected and appointed officials across the state, resulted in several positive outcomes for cities in 2018. Dozens of city officials from across the state testified in support of cities. They were able to give first person accounts of the challenges facing Kansas cities with issues including the tax lid, STAR Bonds, abandoned housing, economic development, transportation, and many other vital issues for cities.

Here are a few of the most important bills passed during the 2018 session affecting municipalities:



**Alcoholic Liquor Taxes** – HB 2502 clarifies that, as of April 1, 2019, when cereal malt beverage (CMB) licensees can begin selling beer containing up to 6.0% alcohol by volume (“strong beer”). All sales by a CMB licensee of strong beer will be subject to state and local sales taxes and not the state liquor enforcement tax. If strong beer is sold by a retail liquor licensee, the sale will still be subject to the state liquor enforcement tax.

**Service Territory of Electric Utilities** – Substitute for SB 323 took effect March 8, 2018. This law updates statutes governing the annexation of electric utility service territory from electric coops. Municipal utilities acquiring territory now must pay the coops for territory which does not have customers, among other provisions. Even if a city does not have a municipal electric utility, notice provisions related to annexations have also been changed.



**Civil Asset Forfeiture** – HB 2549 creates the Kansas Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Repository which will gather data on all seizures and forfeitures made by Kansas law enforcement officers. This bill requires annual reports be filed by February 1 of each year, beginning in 2020. It also amends several provisions of the Asset Forfeiture Act to increase access to the courts. Finally, the bill places additional restrictions on how the proceeds from forfeited property may be used.



**Kansas Open Records** – Multiple bills this session affected open records. SB 180 creates new rules for law enforcement personnel records for municipalities and clarifies what records the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training must release pursuant to an open record request. H Sub for SB 336 amends the statute governing body camera disclosures. It defines who is an “heir at law” and requires the agency to allow the listening or viewing of the footage by the heir at law within 20 days of the request. H Sub for SB 336 also continued the exemption to KORA for utility records pertaining to individually identifiable residential customers, records of a utility related to cybersecurity threats, attacks, or general attempts to attack utility operations, and security plans adopted to exempt municipal buildings from state law allowing the carrying of a concealed handgun in municipal buildings. Finally, the bill amends the law regarding the redaction of social security numbers on a document or record made available to the public and adds penalties for the failure to redact.



**Amusement Ride Act** – H Sub for SB 307 and SB 310 made several major changes to the Amusement Ride Act. As of May 15, 2018, the only water slides subject to the act are those slides 35-feet or higher. All water slides 15-feet or higher must have an attendant present while operating. The annual inspection for amusement rides governed under the Act can be completed by a Level I NAARSO certified inspector and inflatables inspectors must be certified by the Safe Inflatable Operators Training Organization or another nationally recognized organization. This bill also clarifies that hayrack rides and homemade barrel trains are not subject to the Act.

### Driving Under the Influence

**(DUI) / Traffic Laws** – H Sub for SB 374 addresses several statutes related to DUI. The bill amends the statutes concerning implied consent, the testing of blood, breath, urine, or other bodily substances, and repeals the crime of test refusal, K.S.A. 8-1025. The bill clarifies how to determine if an offense in another jurisdiction is comparable and can be used as a prior offense for sentencing purposes. There are changes to the notice to be given by law enforcement officers before requesting a suspect submit to testing. There were also several other bills affecting traffic laws. Sub for SB 272 amends the Uniform Act regarding passing of waste collection vehicles. This requires vehicles to move into a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary waste collection vehicles and reduce the speed of the vehicle to a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions. The fine for unlawful passing of a waste collection vehicle will be \$45 as of July 1, 2019. This bill also increases the fine for improper passing of a school bus to \$750 for a second violation and to \$1,000 for a third violation within five years. Sub for SB 272 authorizes cities to pass ordinances to allow the operation of a golf cart on any public street between sunset and sunrise if the golf cart is equipped with lights as required by law for motorcycles and with a properly mounted slow-moving vehicle emblem.



### Task Forces for Transportation and Broadband

– The legislature created two task forces, S Sub for HB 2701 to study how to improve and grow broadband service across the state, and H Sub for SB 391 to review the state’s transportation needs. Both task forces provide for representation of municipalities. The Broadband Task Force is to provide a progress update to the 2019 legislature. The transportation task force is required to complete its work and have a report ready by the beginning of the 2019 session.



**Workers' Compensation** – Sub for HB 2184 increases certain death and related benefits allowed by the Workers' Compensation Act. The initial payment to a surviving spouse and dependent children is increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000. This bill contains other changes that vary depending on employer provided life insurance and other factors.



**Insurance** – HB 2469 allows an exemption, not to exceed six months, from local business licensing requirements for an insurance claims handling operation following a catastrophic event. It requires insurance companies to notify the local authority prior to establishing a claims handling operation. Cities and counties maintain the authority to exercise police powers to preserve public health and safety.



**False Alarm** – HB 2581 changed the name for the crime of “giving a false alarm” to “making an unlawful request for emergency service assistance.” The bill also increases the penalty if bodily harm results from the response by emergency services.

**Alcohol Service Hours** – HB 2470 changes when clubs and drinking establishments can begin serving alcoholic beverages from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Farm wineries, microbreweries, and micro distilleries can now sell their unopened containers for consumption off premises beginning at 6:00 a.m. as well. This bill also defines alcoholic candy, making the product subject to state liquor laws and only retailers with a liquor license can lawfully sell alcoholic candy. In addition to the above, clubs and drinking establishments can now lawfully provide self-service beer from automated devices.



**Defining When the Mayor is Member of the Governing Body** – HB 2597 amends when a mayor is considered a member of the governing body under K.S.A. 12-104.

**Compensation for Wrongful Conviction** – HB 2579 creates a civil cause of action for claimants seeking damages from the State, or any political subdivision thereof, for wrongful conviction. The claimant is entitled to damages of \$65,000 for each year of imprisonment, as well as not less than \$25,000 for

each additional year served on parole or post release supervision or each additional year the claimant was required to register as an offender under the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

## BILLS THAT DID NOT BECOME LAW

It is worth noting there were several bills with the potential to dramatically affect local government that did not become law. These included:



**STAR Bond Changes** – The Senate Commerce Committee spent several weeks studying STAR bonds and proposed two bills that would have drastically limited cities' abilities to utilize STAR Bonds. The committee was unable to get a bill out before a key legislative deadline and the bills died in committee. At a 1:00 a.m. conference committee during the last week of the session, language was added to a bill dealing with the economic incentives that would have limited state resources available for STAR Bonds. The conference committee report passed the House, but the Senate adjourned before voting on the report.



**Tax Lid** – During the 2018 session, the League sought two additional exemptions to the tax lid. On HB 2424, which would have added an exemption for employee benefits, we worked with leadership in the House and Senate and in the Governor's office; however, leadership was lukewarm to the bill, and time ran out before the bill could be passed. We also spent an extensive amount of time on HB 2755, which would allow consolidation of mill levies if two taxing entities combine. Language from that bill was included in the omnibus tax conference committee report that passed the Senate 21-19 and failed in the House on a 59-59 vote.

**Internet Sales Tax** – The House Tax Committee passed out of committee HB 2576 which would have required collection of sales tax on items purchased over the internet. Following opposition from members, House leadership pulled the bill from floor debate. The bill never came above the line.



**Abandoned and Blighted Property** – HB 2506 would have allowed cities and not-for-profit organizations to take temporary position of an abandoned property for purposes of rehabilitating the property. The bill passed the House 90-32; however, the bill died in the Senate Local Government Committee when Senate leadership opposed the bill. 🌞



# League Policy Committees Are Now Forming

## What is a Policy Committee?

League Policy Committees help to establish the policies that guide the organization's legislative efforts. See below for a detailed description of each committee.

## Who Can Join?

Any current city official is eligible to serve on policy committees.

## When do Policy Committees Meet?

Policy Committees meet three times annually; August, October in conjunction with the Annual Conference, and January as part of Local Government Day.

## 2018 Dates

See the dates for 2018 Policy Committee meetings below or sign up to participate at [www.lkm.org/polcommittees](http://www.lkm.org/polcommittees).

### Utilities & Environment

This committee reviews and recommends League positions on water supply, water quality, water planning, solid waste, air quality, other environmental quality issues, franchise authority, and infrastructure.

**August 23**

### Public Officers & Employees

This committee reviews and recommends League positions dealing with a range of employment matters, including KPERS, wage and hour laws, unions, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, etc. This committee also handles League positions relating to public officials, including ethics, elections, and other requirements of holding public office.

**August 21**

### Finance & Taxation

This committee reviews and recommends League positions on finance & taxation issues, including local option taxes, property tax lid, tax exemptions, motor vehicle tax, franchise fees, etc.

**August 28**

### Legislative Policy

This committee reviews and recommends League positions in all other policy areas and provides general oversight of the policy statement.

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# Best Practices

## Potential Health Effects of Municipal Water Reuse in Kansas

By Carlie Houchen, M. P. H. & Tatiana Lin, M. A. Kansas Health Institute



In October 2017, the Kansas Health Institute released a report titled *Potential Health Impacts of Municipal Water Reuse in Kansas*. The report summarized the results of the Health Impact (HIA) study, which examined an issue identified in the 2014 Kansas Water Vision, *A Long-Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas*. The purpose of the HIA report was to serve as an informative resource for communities as they make decisions about water resource planning in Kansas. The HIA framework, which was utilized for the study, provided an opportunity to identify potential health effects that could occur as the result of water reuse projects.

The study methods included analyses of existing literature, data, and stakeholder input from representatives of local municipal utilities, environmental groups, state personnel involved in water regulation, and water professionals from states with widespread reuse, among others.

The focus of the study was on water reuse at the municipal level – treated municipal wastewater that is intended for beneficial purposes such as car washes, watering parks, golf courses, and other green spaces. A municipality’s reused water may be used by the municipality, sold to a local industry or business, or sold to municipal water customers.

There are many examples of water reuse throughout the country in states like Texas, Arizona, and California. Types of reuse include indirect potable reuse, direct potable reuse, de facto reuse, and non-potable reuse. Interest is growing for water reuse in Kansas. As of December 2016, there were 118 wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) with permits that allow water reuse. The map on the next page shows the locations of water reuse efforts in Kansas where permits were issued. These are primarily for non-potable reuses such as irrigation of parks, golf courses, and crops not for human consumption. Currently in Kansas, there are no sites implementing direct potable reuse. However, during the drought of the 1950s, Chanute implemented the first example of a direct potable reuse project in the United States. Reuse was discontinued after rain replenished the surface water supply. It is also important to note that there is no standard framework of guidelines or recommendations for municipal or industrial reuse in Kansas. Rather, the guidelines are developed on a case-by-case basis. While there are no current examples of intentional potable water reuse, de facto reuse is likely occurring in Kansas. De facto reuse occurs as an upstream community releases its treated wastewater into rivers and reservoirs. Through the natural movement of water, the treated wastewater is then taken up by downstream water treatment plants. De facto reuse is

more common than any other type of potable reuse, but the exact extent to which it occurs is not well understood.

There are several health effects that could result from water reuse impact on the following economic and social conditions:

**WATER AVAILABILITY AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY:** Water reuse has the potential to increase the water available for community use, which in turn could increase community sustainability. However, the magnitude of these increases in the context of overall water use may be relatively small as community sustainability is influenced by many factors, of which water availability is just one. There are social, economic and environmental factors that contribute to the resilience of communities in the face of changes to water availability. Potential health impacts of increased community sustainability include reduced stress and improved individual and community mental health.

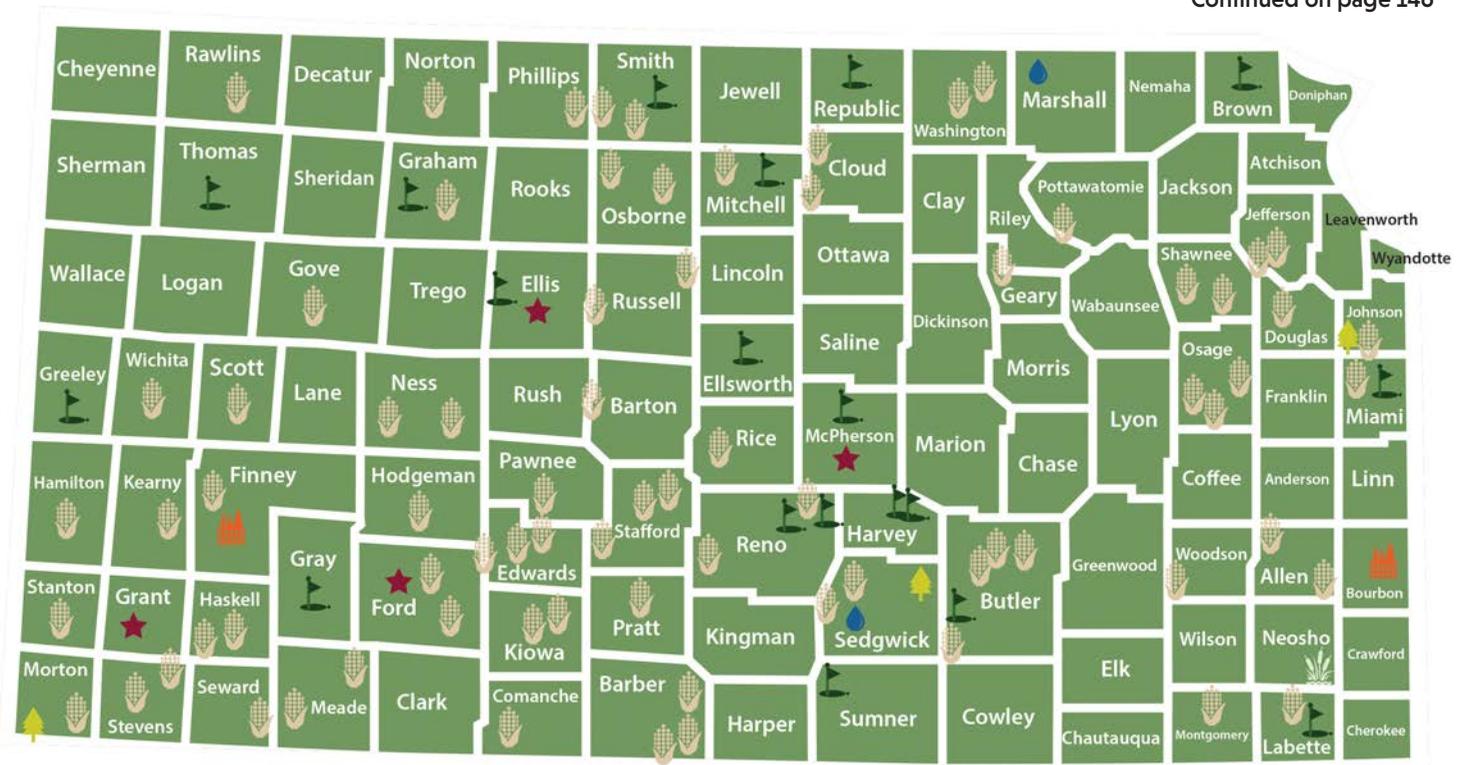
**WATER QUALITY:** Reused water quality may increase, decrease, or stay the same in comparison to current drinking water quality. While current technology can be used to treat water to any quality required, the quality of reused water depends on the availability of funds and on the intended end use. Non-potable reused water is treated to a lower standard by design, while indirect and direct potable reused water typically undergo advanced treatment and quality controls. In general, the reviewed literature suggests that the quality of reused water has not harmed human or environmental health. Nevertheless, the risk of system failure remains, and such an event could result in exposure to contaminants and potential illness. There is also uncertainty about contaminants of emerging concern, such as pharmaceuticals, personal care

products, and disinfectant by-products. There is not adequate evidence to conclude how prevalent these contaminants are or the concentration at which they may present a risk to health.

**COMMUNITY PERCEPTION OF WATER QUALITY:** While each community varies, the perception of reused water quality is generally lower than that of current drinking water. There are several components of this perception. The first is what has been referred to as the “yuck” factor, or psychological aversion to treated wastewater. Another is trust in public officials, experts, or technology. The public’s perception of the quality of the water is generally lower for all reuse types, and the acceptability of water reuse declines as the potential for human contact with the water increases. A community’s acceptance of water reuse depends on multiple factors, such as the extent of communication, outreach, and meaningful engagement of the public. The primary health implications of a decrease in community perception of water quality were found in the switch from drinking tap water to bottled water or sugary beverages.

**CONSUMPTION OF BEVERAGES OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL TAP WATER:** A decrease in the perception of water quality could impact the purchase and consumption of beverages other than municipal water, such as bottled water or sugary beverages. There is a common perception that bottled water is of higher quality than municipal drinking water, although some evidence points to the opposite. Health impacts of increased sugary beverage consumption include potential negative effects on oral health and chronic conditions such as obesity and diabetes. Purchasing beverages that are more expensive than municipal water also could have negative financial implications for populations that are

Continued on page 146



## Water Reuse Purpose

🌾 Agriculture/Grass
🏭 Industrial
🏌️ Golf Courses
🌿 Wetlands
🌳 Parks/Public Land
★ Multiple Use
💧 Other

# What is an Amusement

“Amusement ride” means any mechanical or electrical device that carries or conveys passengers around, or over a fixed or restricted route or course or within a defined area for the amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement including, but not be limited to:

## What is **NOT** an amusement ride?

- Nonmechanized playground equipment;
- Hayrack rides;
- Homemade barrel trains; and
- Waterslides less than 35-feet.



- ferris wheels;
- carousels;
- parachute towers;
- bungee jumping;
- reverse bungee jumping;
- commercial zip line;
- tunnels of love;
- roller coasters;
- boat rides;
- water slides that are at least 35 feet in height and that use water to propel the patron through the ride;
- inflatable devices;
- trampolines;
- go-karts;
- equipment used for winter sports, j-cams, aerial trapeziums;
- equipment used for construction, such as cranes, when used for amusement purposes.



## Who is a qualified inspector?

Inspections can now be completed by a person with a Level I certification from NAARSO.\* Prior law required a Level II.

\* National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials

## What are the changes from 2017?

- Qualified inspector reduced from a Level II to a Level I certification from NAARSO.
- Rides manufactured prior to July 1, 2018 can qualify as “safe” if inspected by a NAARSO\* Level I inspector to complete inspection certification. Only the manufacturer of the ride would be able to make the ride safe.
- Rides manufactured prior to January 1, 1930 are considered antique and have reduced permit costs as well as lower insurance rates.

## If a city owns an amusement ride what must they do?

- The city must register with the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL).
- The city must submit an application for a permit for the ride with KDOL.
- The ride must be inspected annually by a qualified inspector.
- Perform and record daily inspections of the ride.



## What about **INFLATABLES**

An inspector must have a minimum of 5 years’ experience with inflatables and have received qualified training from the Safe Inflatable Operators Training organization or other nationally recognized organization.



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be used as an amusement ride, such  
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Level I certification

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# WATER SLIDES?

What about

# WATER SLIDES?

- Water slides under 35-feet do not have to be registered as an amusement ride.
- All water slides 15-feet and higher that use water to propel the patron must have an attendant to ensure safety standards are followed.



**2018 Kansas Legislature  
defines a qualified  
inspector to hold a  
Level I certification  
from NAARSO\***

\* National Association of  
Amusement Ride Safety Officials



**Best Practices: Continued**

economically disadvantaged, as it could decrease the availability of funds for other essentials. Some racial and ethnic minority groups may be more likely to consume bottled water and sugary beverages as a result of low trust in the quality of the municipal drinking water and therefore may be at higher risk of negative health impacts.

**COSTS AND UTILITY RATES:** Water reuse projects are associated with a variety of initial and ongoing costs related to infrastructure, operations, and maintenance. The costs may depend on the type of reuse, the desired water quality, and the method and distance of water distribution. Reusing water in smaller communities may be more expensive on a per-capita basis, but in some cases water reuse may be less costly than the development of new water sources. Due to water reuse, utility rates could increase, decrease, or stay the same. Changes in utility rates may depend on the costs of reuse, the availability of alternate funding sources, and the community’s perception of and demand for reused water. Increases in utility rates could negatively impact the health of individuals who are already paying a higher percentage of their income on water and wastewater bills, including those who are low-income, elderly, or those served by small and rural community water systems. Because of the importance of water and wastewater service, keeping these utilities turned on could require trade-offs with other necessities such as food, medical expenses, heating, and cooling.

**GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS:** As more Kansas communities pursue water reuse, new guidance and regulations for water reuse projects are likely to be developed. Regulations in states with

current or planned widespread water reuse include requirements for water quality, public access, monitoring, and reporting. Because most water reuse regulations exist to protect the public’s health and the environment, the successful implementation of the regulations may have a beneficial effect on health. However, it is possible that regulations will help maintain - rather than improve upon - the current state of health in Kansas, since current federal regulations such as the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) are set to ensure the safety of water for health and the environment.

Additionally, to maximize any potential positive health effects and to mitigate any potential negative health risks associated with water reuse in Kansas, the HIA report offers a set of recommendations to inform future decisions related to water reuse. A list of findings and recommendations is available in the full HIA report, available at: <http://www.khi.org/policy/article/WaterHIA>.

Funding for this project was provided by the Kansas Health Foundation as part of its initiative to improve access to and consumption of water in Kansas. 

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*City of Holton Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft checks the water levels at the plant.*

The water report also shows an aggregate example of how water is used in Garden City. This data is telling because they can communicate the fact that 40% of water used in Garden City is on residential outdoor watering practices.

“Even prior to the report, our overall water usage has remained relatively flat,” said Jones. “As the community has grown, the gallons per capita per day has gone down and tells us that we’re conserving water overall. However, overall usage of water by the community has gone up but this can be attributed to the growth and ongoing industrial activity occurring in our City.”

The other benefit of collecting this neighborhood-specific data is city officials can make assumptions and generalizations of how water is used in the city and forecast how future developments will impact our municipal utility.” 🌞

🌞 **Megan Gilliland** is the Communications and Education Manager for the League of Kansas Municipalities. She can be reached at [mgilliland@lkm.org](mailto:mgilliland@lkm.org).

# Work in Water

Wichita State University’s Environmental Finance Center’s Work in Water Experience teaches Kansas high school students about the critical role that public water utilities fill in their community. This unique, hands-on learning program allows students to see first-hand the skills, technology, and people that are working to ensure the public has access to safe, healthy drinking water and water recycling resources.

This educational program, designed by WSU Environmental Finance Center as part of the Careers in Water Stewardship project, aims to increase young people’s knowledge of the importance of water treatment for the environment and public health, and to stimulate interest in occupations in environmental water management.

The WSU program utilizes in-classroom experience learning as well as an internship opportunity for high school students interested in working at their community’s drinking water treatment plant and water reclamation facility. This unique program allows students to network with water industry professionals, take part in public service and career development opportunities, and build transferable skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and effective communication.

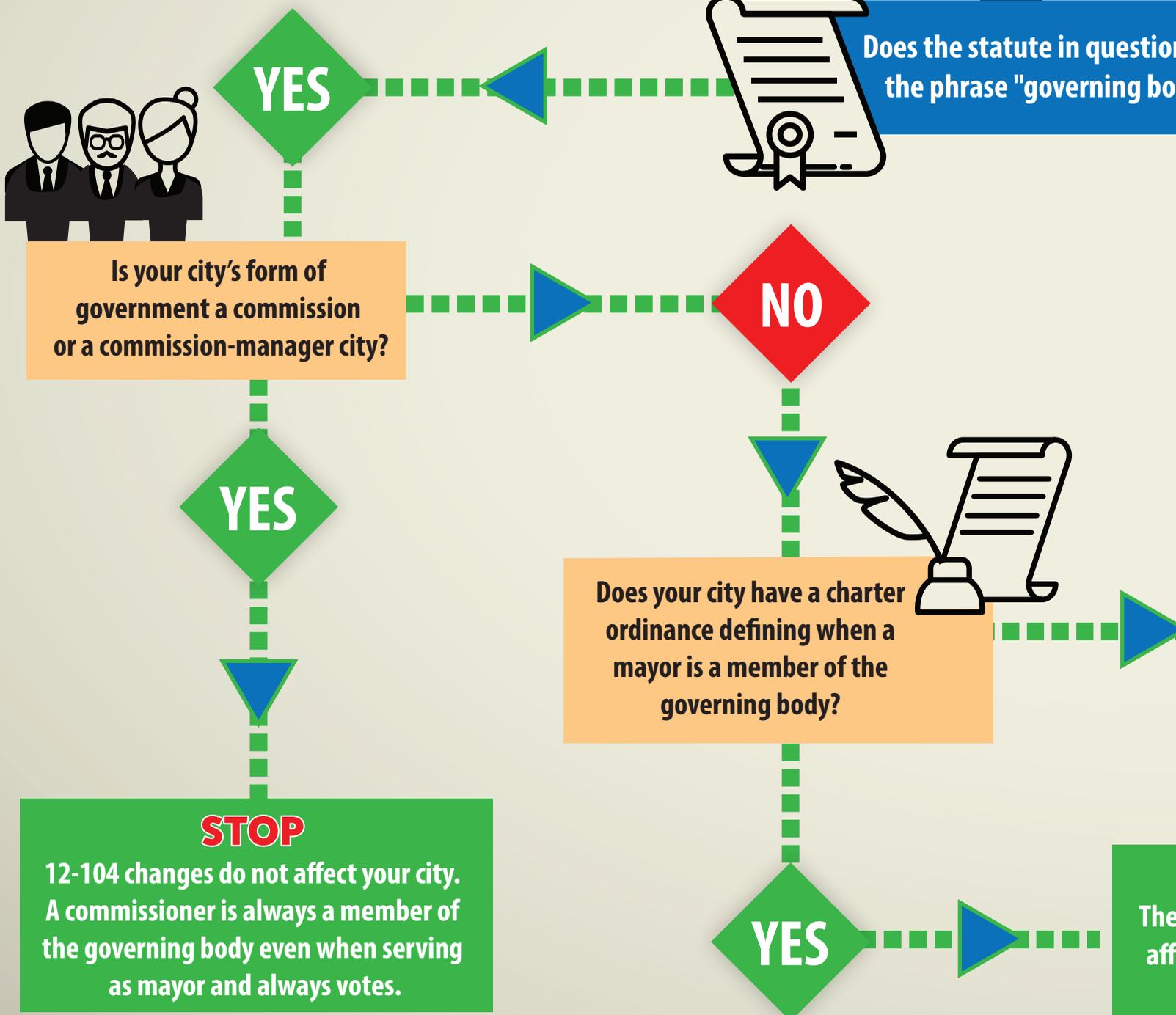
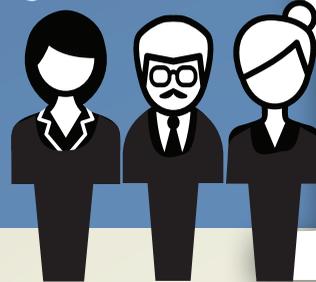
The Work in Water Program was designed to be shared and continued by communities and public works departments across Kansas who are looking to promote the public water industry. The Environmental Finance Center provides online resources for communities seeking to build their own educational program. The resources are available online at [www. https://bit.ly/2xuFMbM](https://bit.ly/2xuFMbM). Contact Tonya Bronleewe, Program Manager, at [tonya.bronleewe@wichita.edu](mailto:tonya.bronleewe@wichita.edu). 🌞



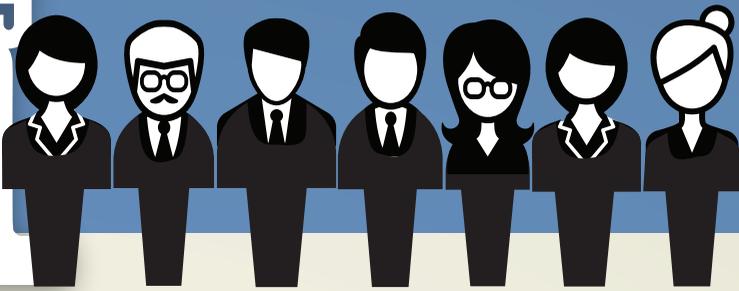
*Olathe West students watch water being treated to safe drinking water standards at the Olathe Water Treatment plant.*

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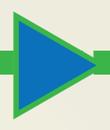
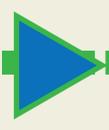
HB 2597 modified the definition of governing body in K.S.A. 12-104 as of July 1, 2018. To see how the new law affects your city, follow this roadmap. If you have any questions, contact the League.



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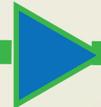
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**VOTE**



**DO NOT  
VOTE**

**STOP**  
The changes to 12-104 do not  
affect your city. Follow your  
city's ordinance.

# Community Profile

By Allysha Walmann, City of Lenexa



## Lenexa

Two decades ago, a group of Lenexa citizens charged with creating a vision for their City's future came up with an ambitious idea: the City would create a new downtown from the ground up that would incorporate public buildings, community activity facilities, entertainment venues, offices, and retail shops, and they would do it by 2020.

Twenty years later, city leaders, businesses, government partners, and education have come together to create a place that lies at the heart both of the city limits and the citizens' vision for their community: Lenexa City Center.

Participants in Vision 2020, Lenexa's 1997 community-driven strategic planning effort, had to address some exciting challenges. Rapidly growing Lenexa was sprawling to the west, away from the City's original core near Interstates 35 and 435. Demand was growing for more diverse options for housing, restaurants, entertainment, offices, and retail. Accommodating all these needs in historic downtown Lenexa, a small row of seven buildings, would be difficult.

Their solution was to build a new downtown closer to the geographic center of the City: Lenexa City Center.

Soon after, city officials began acquiring land around the intersection of Interstate 435 and 87<sup>th</sup> Street Parkway, one of the City's major thoroughfares. To date, the City has invested more than \$120 million in the development of City Center, including the acquisition of more than 200-acres of land.

With a number of hotels, restaurants, apartments, and businesses, Lenexa City Center is expected to encompass nearly 3 million feet of space at build-out in a dense, walkable urban setting. Anchoring this exciting new mixed-use neighborhood is Lenexa's new civic campus, an exciting multi-use space that fulfills many long-awaited dreams of the community.

Design and construction of more than 230,000 square feet of civic assets on the six-acre campus began in 2014. In late summer of 2017, a new City Hall, recreation center, public market, 500-stall public garage, university satellite campus, and outdoor gathering space opened to the public.



*The Lenexa Public Market is located at 87<sup>th</sup> street and I-435*

Lenexa's new City Hall isn't your typical government headquarters – though it does efficiently serve the City's civic administration and customer service needs. City offices layered on the second and third floors of the building are designed to meet staffing demands for the next 30 years and allow the old City Hall to be repurposed for public safety and municipal court uses.

In the lobby of City Hall, visitors are greeted by an art gallery featuring ever-changing exhibits. In addition to serving as the meeting space for City Council and Planning Commission, a 250-seat Community Forum has already hosted everything from poetry readings to puppet shows.

The forum is designed to host lectures, including ones from the City's education partner Park University. The Parkville, Missouri-based college offers undergraduate and graduate courses at a satellite campus located in a leased space on the second floor of City Hall.

Beneath the university classrooms and city offices lies a space that brings vitality and traffic you don't often see in a city hall: the Lenexa Public Market.

When researching ideas for the new civic campus, Lenexa city leaders were drawn to the way indoor food halls around the country were bringing people together and providing a place for small start-up businesses to thrive.

Visit the Lenexa Public Market today, and you'll find visitors from across the region dining on diverse culinary dishes from four anchor tenants and an ever-changing blend of pop-up vendors. A rotation of small merchants offers handmade, locally sourced gifts.

Cooking classes in the demonstration kitchen bring a steady stream of new customers. Families, book clubs, business partners, and friends gather at communal tables for a cup of coffee, board games, and conversation.

Funded by a voter-approved 3/8-cent sales tax passed in 2018, the new Lenexa Rec Center fulfills many of the community's most desired recreational amenities.

Along with two gymnasiums, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, multiple exercise studios and an outdoor yoga terrace, the new facility incorporates two long-expressed community needs. The indoor pool is home to year-round swim lessons and twin forty-foot speed slides. An elevated walking track – the longest in the metro area – provides stunning views of booming development to the east and a rolling golf course to the west.

The Rec Center isn't the only space on the civic campus designed for optimal fun. The campus's designers took advantage of the space between the buildings to create an outdoor plaza, the Lenexa Commons, that can accommodate a wide range of community activities.

A stage carved into the curved eastern wall of City Hall is the home of the new Lenexa Community Orchestra. In warm weather, a turf area in front of the Rec Center is abuzz with families enjoying a picnic or a game of catch. Kids are delighted by the dynamic fountain and learn about Lenexa's history from engravings on the pavement. Outside the Public Market, visitors lounge around fire pits on cool evenings.

Even the campus's parking garage was designed with the public in mind. The garage's lower floor, hemmed by a white awning, becomes a pavilion for the popular new Lenexa Farmers Market, which held its opening day April 21.

The new campus was a quick hit with residents. By November 2017 – less than four months after the opening of City Hall and the Rec Center and two months after the opening of the Public Market – nearly 60% of residents who responded to a survey conducted by ETC Institute reported that they had visited City Center.

Lenexa's new facilities have also drawn regional and national attention for their unique architecture, collaborative community approach, sustainability, and innovative mixed uses.



*A variety of activities occur at the Lenexa City Center complex.*

Additional civic assets will bring even more vitality and value to the area. In fall of 2017, two public partners broke ground on new facilities on or near the civic campus which are expected to open in 2019. The Shawnee Mission School District's competition aquatic facility, located just across the street from the Rec Center, will bring new visitors from across the region to experience City Center.

The City of Lenexa donated land on the civic campus to the Johnson County Library Board for the construction of a new library that is double the space of the community's current facility. The Lenexa City Center Library will incorporate enhanced programming, resources, and technology, as well as a drive-through kiosk inside the garage for citizens to pick up and drop off books.

As rows of restaurants, office buildings, regional headquarters, and apartments continue to sprout into the sky around the new civic campus; there's something new to see every time visitors return.

The new campus and surrounding City Center have met and continue to work toward many goals of not just Vision 2020, but also 2007's Vision 2030, parks and recreation master plans, and other community planning efforts. Residents have said they've been delighted to watch their ideas and ambitions come to fruition.

"This place is off-the-charts-fun," said one visitor. "The City built it for the citizens of Lenexa and they have hit a home run."

With more new civic attractions coming, major commercial projects, and endless fresh ideas for new activities made possible by these facilities, 2018 will be another exciting year in Lenexa's new downtown. You can view a map of new, planned and under-construction projects at Lenexa City Center at [Lenexa.com/CityCenter](http://Lenexa.com/CityCenter). Additional information is available at [Lenexa.com](http://Lenexa.com) and [LenexaPublicMarket.com](http://LenexaPublicMarket.com). 

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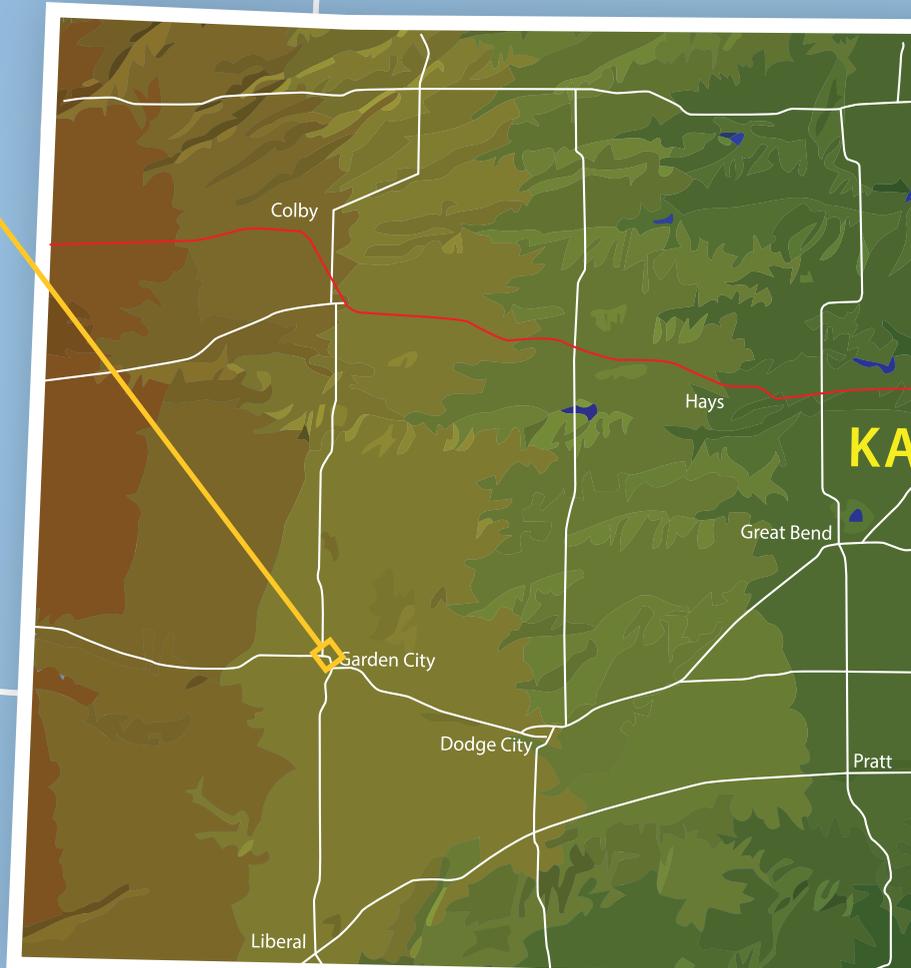


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## Garden City

### City Completes Water Report on Usage

The City of Garden City and Finney County Economic Development Corporation released their second annual report on water usage by Garden City households. The report details how 40% of all water used in Garden City is dedicated to residential outdoor watering. According to the report, 11% of the city's water usage is used for public grounds, 11% is consumed commercially, 13% is consumed by industrial users, and 25% is used for indoor residential usage. The remaining 40% is used for outdoor residential watering – approximately 1 billion gallons of water each year. See story on page 134.



★ Santa Fe

## Arkansas City

### City Promotes Municipal Services with Youth

The City of Arkansas City hosted a local “If I Were City Manager” essay contest for youth in the City’s school system. The youth’s essays focused on suggested improvements to the City. The top six winners from each 7<sup>th</sup> grade team were then given the opportunity to experience municipal work in various rotations in the City. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders experienced what it is like to work in the fire department, had a ride-along with the Arkansas City Police Department, and toured the new water treatment plant. City Manager Nick Hernandez met with all 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes to talk about city government and aspects of managing a city.



# ERNMENT NEWS



## Emporia

### Fallen Educators Memorial Designated by Congress

The Fallen Educators Memorial at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia has officially been named the first nationally designated memorial in Kansas. On April 16, 2018, President Donald Trump signed legislation authorizing the passage of legislation to designate this site as a national memorial. The Fallen Educators Memorial honors the American educators who have lost their lives while performing their professional duties.

“They are sometimes the first responder, protector, and guardian of our children, providing a safe haven for learning to occur. The memorial will forever remember the names and stories of these educators who lost their lives while doing what they loved, working with America’s school children,” said Carol Strickland, Director of the National Teachers Hall of Fame. “While we hope that no more names will ever have to be added, this memorial site provides a degree of comfort and solace to the loved ones left behind after accidents and tragedies occur in our nation’s schools.”



## Merriam

### City Matches Residents’ Stormwater Improvement Efforts

The City of Merriam is again partnering with residents to improve stormwater quality with a 50% matching grant. The grant money will go to residents who want to incorporate a stormwater treatment facility on their property to help absorb water generated from rain and snow melt. The City provides a 50% match assistance to help offset material costs or contract labor associated with the installation of rain gardens, rain barrels, and the planting of native plants and trees.



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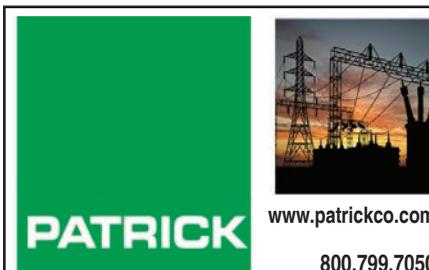
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## City Manager, Belleville

The ideal applicant will have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or a related field, master's degree preferred and at least five years of municipal-government experience. The background of a successful candidate should include strong leadership, municipal utilities and finance experience, open communication and a proven track record that demonstrates outstanding public relations skills. This community-oriented leader will promote economic development initiatives, transparency in government, and positive intergovernmental relations.

### How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references to [LEAPS-Belleville@lkm.org](mailto:LEAPS-Belleville@lkm.org), or by mail 300 SW 8th, Topeka, KS 66603. If confidentiality is requested, please note in application materials. Position will remain open until filled. Application review will begin July 2, 2018. EOE

## Journeyman Lineman, Moundridge

The City of Moundridge is accepting applications for a Journeyman Lineman for our Electric Distribution system in our utility department. Moundridge is a growing community centrally located along the I-135 corridor.

The City of Moundridge offers stable employment serving the local citizens and businesses, the city also provides well-maintained equipment and tools. The City of Moundridge offers a competitive salary based on experience and offers an excellent benefits package which includes health insurance (city pays 100% of employee premium and 50% of Dependents premium), dental insurance, KPERS retirement, vacation, sick leave, holiday pay, and uniforms.

Duties include but are not limited to: construction, maintenance, and repair of overhead and underground distribution and transmission lines on a system up to 12.5kv; respond to customer power outages and electrical problems, operate all types of equipment needed for maintaining and

repairing electrical lines. Successful candidate must have a journeyman certification, safe work record, and the ability to work outside in extreme conditions. CDL license with air brake rider or ability to obtain is required. Driving record must meet City's insurance requirements. Minimum education requirement is high school diploma or equivalent. Post offer screening will include background check, physical exam, and drug test. Candidates with experience in natural gas distribution and water systems may be given weighted consideration.

Applications accepted until position filled.

### How to Apply:

Send resumes to: City of Moundridge Box 636 Moundridge KS 67107 or email to [rfrazier@moundridge.com](mailto:rfrazier@moundridge.com). EOE

## City Clerk, Attica

The City of Attica is seeking a professional individual for the position of city clerk. This is an administrative position with oversight responsibilities for the daily operation of the City. Applications will be reviewed until such time the position is filled.

### How to Apply:

For consideration, please e-mail your resume to [atticaclerk@sutv.com](mailto:atticaclerk@sutv.com), or mail it to: City of Attica PO Box 421, Attica, KS 67009

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2. Cover Letter
3. Job-related resume including contact information for three professional references.
4. Copies of transcripts from highest post-secondary institution and any relevant certifications, if applicable.

## City Manager, Freeport, Texas

Freeport is a Home Rule city operating under the council-manager form of government. The City Council consists of a mayor and four council members who serve two-year staggered terms and are elected on a ward system. The City Council is the City's legislative body and appoints the City Manager who is responsible for the general administration of the City on a daily basis. The City Manager will need to develop a thorough understanding of the processes and functions of each of the City's departments and work closely with the Council, community organizations, citizens, and other governmental agencies to develop short and long-range strategies for addressing current and future challenges and making the best use of resources.

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## How to Apply:

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## Emergency Preparedness Manager, Lenexa

The City of Lenexa is searching for an experienced emergency management professional to create and build the City's emergency response function. This newly-created position will plan, organize, and implement all phases of the City's emergency management program. If you know how to lead emergency management and love working with other talented professionals to build a program from scratch, this is the job for you.

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Following are the minimum requirements to be considered for this position (the "Must Haves"):

- Five years of progressively responsible emergency management leadership experience.
- Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management, Public Administration, Criminal Justice, or a related field of study;

- Valid Driver's License and insurable driving record;

- Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800 certifications; and Kansas Certified Emergency Manager certification (or ability to obtain within one year of employment).

## How to Apply:

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## City Engineer, Shawnee

The City is seeking a new City Engineer. This is a professional administrative position responsible for the oversight of all Capital Improvement Project (CIP) engineering activities of the City including managing City right-of-way and the design, preparation, and specification of plans; and the oversight of construction and maintenance work on CIP projects. This position will work cross departmentally with private development to define engineering standards. The City Engineer is responsible for all aspects of organizational management of the engineering Division which includes Engineering professionals and technicians. The requirements for this position are a Bachelor's Degree with course work in engineering, surveying, applied science, or a closely related field (Master's Degree preferred). A minimum of 5 years experience in administration of engineering work including the inspection of public works projects. A minimum of 3 years experience in the supervision and direction of staff. Professional Engineer in the State of Kansas or the ability to obtain within 6 months of hire.

## How to Apply:

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