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## 2018 SALARY SURVEY

The 2018 Survey of Personnel Practices, Salaries, and Fringe Benefits is underway. This survey is one of the most important pieces of research/data the League collects on behalf of members. The survey analysis can assist your city in contract negotiations, pay adjustments, benchmarking, and reviewing benefits.

**As a thank you for participating in the survey and for your time, the League provides all participating cities with free access to the survey once formatting is complete.**

If you have not received your link to the survey, please contact Research Associate *Chardae Caine*.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Transparency/Body Cameras (HB2571):

*HB2571* was passed out favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill deals with body cameras. As amended by the House, *HB2571* is a reasonable compromise on an important issue for municipalities. This bill provides some needed clarity on what constitutes an heir-at-law and sets a deadline for a family to view body camera footage. For more information on this legislation, contact *Amanda Stanley*.



### Amusement Ride Act (SB307):

On Tuesday, March 13, the House Federal and State Affairs Committee held a hearing on *SB307*. The League testified in support of the bill as amended by the Senate and encouraged the committee to leave in place the exemption for municipal water slides. The testimony also requested the committee to consider increasing from 20-feet to 30-feet the height before a water slide is subject to the Act, if they removed the exemption for municipalities. The committee will debate the bill and possible amendments early next week. For more information on this legislation, contact *Eric Smith*.

### Broadband Expansion:

The expansion of broadband across Kansas, particularly in rural communities, continues to be a hot topic with the legislature. Legislation is progressing to set up a task force of stakeholders to study

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**APRIL 20 & 21, 2018 | TOPEKA**

## GBI Agenda At-a-Glance:

- Keynote Speaker:** "Building Your Legacy of Public Service" Mary Birch, Government Relations Coordinator, Lathrop & Gage, LLP
- City Government 101:** Concurrent breakout sessions on topics including civility, Kansas Open Meetings Act, Home Rule, municipal finance, economic development and planning, personnel management, public safety and code enforcement.

All attendees receive a copy of the 2018 *Governing Body Handbook* at the conference (a \$40 value). The handbook will not be available to purchase until after the event in April.

This year, there will be special events for mayors and council/commissioners.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (CONTINUED)

issues over the summer. A representative of the League will participate. This week, the Senate Utilities Committee took testimony on the issue, including two days reserved for cities and counties. A huge thank you to the following cities for providing their perspective on broadband and what it means to their residents and businesses: Coffeyville, De Soto, Gardner, Kiowa, Lincoln Center, Ottawa, Spring Hill, and Wichita. The committee members have a much better sense of the challenges faced by cities when broadband is not readily accessible to their residents and businesses, and also got some ideas from cities for how to rectify that. For more information on this legislation, contact *Erik Sartorius*.

### Abandoned Property (HB2506):

The Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee held hearings this week on *HB2506*, legislation on abandoned housing. League staff continues to work the issue with legislators and interested parties. For more information on this legislation, contact *Trey Cocking*.

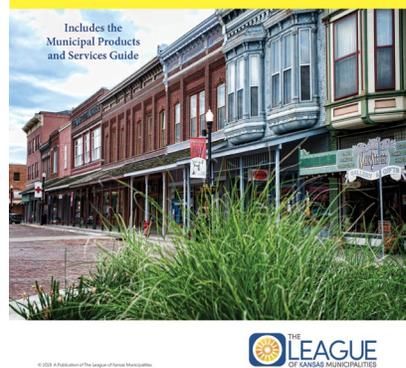
### CMB Sales Tax (HB2502):

*HB2502*, the trailer bill relating to taxation of the sale of strong beer by cereal malt beverage (CMB) retailers, was officially signed into law by the Governor. The bill will implement a situs-based taxation system for beer and CMB, meaning that the location of the sale will determine whether sales tax or liquor enforcement tax is applied. For more information on this legislation, contact *Doug Taylor*.

Each week, the League publishes a *legislative calendar* in League News with hearings/meetings that may interest our members.

## 2018 Directory

of Kansas Public Officials



The 2018 *Directory of Kansas Public Officials* is now available for purchase. All member cities and counties will receive a copy of the publication via mail.

The *Directory* provides information on each city, county, and school district in Kansas, including the names of elected officials, department heads, and key employees. Also included is a reference section identifying many key state agencies and contacts, plus the *Municipal Products and Services Guide*, listing companies who offer a variety of services to local governments in Kansas

Additional copies can be purchased online at our website.

## MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The League has three opportunities for training coming up.

- March 23: Municipal Finance (Manhattan)
- March 30: Hiring Public Safety (Leavenworth)
- April 13: Municipal Finance (Garden City)

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## NOW HIRING: STAFF ATTORNEY

The League of Kansas Municipalities is seeking an individual to fill the position of Staff Attorney. This position will strengthen cities in Kansas by providing legal guidance to elected city officials and municipal employees. This person will also analyze state and federal legislation concerning municipalities and advocate for the interests of Kansas cities at the Kansas Legislature and with state and federal regulatory bodies.

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