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SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CITIES WEBINAR

This course will review social media use for cities including basic social media policies and terms of use for external audiences. The course will also provide 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.

The webinar will be held on **Wednesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.** Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Register [online](#).

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Last week was "drop-dead week" in the Kansas legislature when all non-exempt bills should have passed the second chamber. The legislature debated and considered over 90 bills before Thursday's deadline. This week the legislature will consider conference reports, funding bills, and tax bills; and after this week the legislature is scheduled to take their annual Spring break until April 26 when the wrap-up session begins. League staff continue to monitor bills as the work the legislative process. Please contact [Trey Cocking](#) with any questions.



REGISTER TODAY FOR THE GOVERNING BODY INSTITUTE & MAYORS CONFERENCE

APRIL 20 & 21, 2018 | TOPEKA

As a member city of the League of Kansas Municipalities, we hope that you can attend the League's Governing Body Institute & Mayors Conference in Topeka April 20 & 21. This conference is one of our premier educational events and is designed for all levels of local government – mayors, city council members, city commissioners, and staff. The Governing Body Institute and Kansas Mayors Conference includes a selection of workshops and general sessions designed to provide insight into local government issues, as well as provide useful strategies to take back to your community. This year, we're offering topics that include:

- Managing Differences in the Workplace;
- Building Your Legacy of Public Service;
- City Government 101: Kansas Open Meetings Act, Home Rule and other local government fundamentals; and
- Breakout sessions featuring topics on municipal finance; economic development and planning; personnel management; and public safety and code enforcement.

Attending this conference is the first step new officials should take toward success in public office. Re-elected officials or seasoned appointed officials will also value the up-to-date information on municipal operations and networking opportunities this conference offers. Additionally, we have revised the Governing Body Handbook. All GBI participants receive this publication (a \$40 value) as part of their conference materials.

We recommend local government officials attend the institute as a group to learn together and meet their peers across the state. The feedback we receive on our trainings is that the peer-to-peer networking is one of the best reasons to attend League events. Register by **April 11, 2018**; any registrations after this date will include a \$35 late fee.

DOWNLOAD THE FULL AGENDA ONLINE: www.lkm.org/gbi



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2018 SURVEY OF PERSONNEL PRACTICES, SALARIES, AND FRINGE BENEFITS

Have you ever found yourself saying, "I wish I knew what this position pays in other Kansas cities?" We have a solution for you! The 2018 Survey of Personnel Practices, Salaries, and Fringe Benefits was released this week. 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*. The survey will close on April 13, 2018.



2018 TAX RATE BOOK AMENDED

Annually in March, the League of Kansas Municipalities publishes the *Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data Book*. This book is structured to illustrate tax rates and fiscal data arising from each of the three classes of cities, counties, and unified school districts. The data is collected annually from several resources such as the Kansas Department of Revenue, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, and through solicitation of information in a survey sent to all cities in Kansas.

The League does not verify the individual calculations of the information as it is reported to us. Unfortunately, this year there was an error in the data received from the State of Kansas to calculate the "Total Mills Levied in City by All Units" as it **did not** include the USD school general levy of 20 mills.

Once we became aware of this issue, we immediately reached out to our contacts to obtain corrected information. We have recalculated the "Total Mills Levied in City by All Units" and have made the 2018 Tax Rate Book available in digital form *on our website*.

The League produces a multitude of publications, provides numerous trainings on municipal issues, and answers thousands of legal calls each year for cities to provide up-to-date information and keep members aware of the changing municipal environment. As always, we strive for accuracy in all we do.

The Tax Rate Book can be purchased in spreadsheet format *online*.



MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The League has three opportunities for training coming up.

- April 13: Municipal Finance (Garden City)



NOW HIRING: STAFF ATTORNEY

The League 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. View the full job description online and apply at www.lkm.org/networking.

