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## UPDATE YOUR STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST

Statement of Substantial Interests Forms must be completed by individuals who are required to do so by law. Any individual who intentionally fails to file as required by law, or intentionally files a false statement, is subject to prosecution for a class B misdemeanor.

Statement of Substantial Interest can be done online at the [Secretary of State's website](#).

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission provides guidance on this process. Review their [SSI Instruction and Guide online](#) or use their [fillable form for local government officials](#).

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Legislature has returned to Topeka for the wrap up session that is scheduled to end next Friday, May 4th. Major issues that they will be considering includes the 2019 Budget, education formula fix, and possibly fixing the out-of-state sales tax collection issue.

### Amusement Ride Act (SB307):

On Thursday, April 26, the Senate voted 37-1 to adopt the Conference Committee Report on H Sub for SB307. The Conference Committee Report will contain the following changes to the Amusement Ride Act:

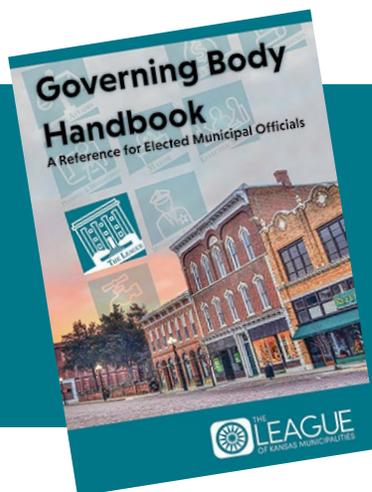
1. The act will only apply to water slides 35-feet or higher.
2. All water slides 15-feet or higher must have an attendant present while operating.
3. The annual inspection for amusement rides can be completed by a Level I NAARSO certified inspector (current law requires a Level II NAARSO certified inspector).
4. Inflatables require that operators and inspectors be certified by the Safe Inflatable Operators Training Organization or other nationally recognized organization.



The bill now goes to the Governor for approval. Contact [Eric Smith](#) for information on this issue.

### Broadband Task Force:

This week, League Executive Director Erik Sartorius attended a ceremonial signing of S Sub for HB2701 which authorized a broadband expansion task force in Kansas. The League will participate in this task force. The importance of broadband for the future of Kansas cities and our residents is unquestionable. It is no longer a luxury; it is the backbone of commerce, education, and services. We look forward to participating on the task force and exploring how we can all best come together on behalf of residents and businesses. Cities want to be partners. We do not look to be barriers. We want to foster an environment for broadband deployment while also protecting the interests of residents and others users of public right of way. Contact [Erik Sartorius](#) for information on this issue.



## 2018 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE FOR ORDER!

EVERY LEAGUE MEMBER CITY WILL AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE TWO COMPLIMENTARY COPIES (MAILED TO THE CITY CLERK). ORDER ADDITIONAL COPIES ONLINE AT [WWW.LKM.ORG/PUBLICATIONS](http://WWW.LKM.ORG/PUBLICATIONS).



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# Seriously, Kansas.

(This is why you should take our emergency management course for cities).

**May 10 - Ellsworth**

**May 11 - Arkansas City**

Today's Weather Forecast:



**Register online: [www.lkm.org/events](http://www.lkm.org/events)**

## WATER LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM WEBINAR

The National League of Cities and their partner Utility Service Partners, will be co-hosting a webinar on Wednesday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. EST. The webinar, titled Solutions to America's \$300 Billion Infrastructure Problem, will include key data findings by a scientist out of San Jose, California, that speaks to various pipe materials and their longevity and typical rates of failure. The webinar will also feature guest speaker Rick Jackson of Birmingham, Alabama who implemented the NLC's Service Line Warranty Program in an effort to help residents avoid paying for infrastructure emergencies when they occur on their private property. If interested, please register for next week's webinar [online](#).



## SUMMER FUN: A WEBINAR FOR CITIES TO PREPARE FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Grab your sunblock and get ready for summer in Kansas! In this webinar, we'll review some of the main issues Kansas cities face during the summer months. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. Main topics will include:

- Fireworks Regulations
- Amusement Ride Act (Impact on Cities and Legislative Changes)
- Hiring of Youth Employees
- Special Events Featuring Alcohol
- Music Licensing

Who should participate: This course is developed for city managers/administrators, city attorneys, city clerks, communications staff, and elected officials. Webinar Registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. [Register online](#).

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## CITY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS SPRING CLE

City Attorneys, please join us on Friday, June 8 to stay current on the latest legal issues affecting Kansas local governments. Our legal staff will review recent court decisions and legislation, discuss the challenges being faced, and offer strategies to deal with them. Session topics include: cybersecurity and KORA, economic development, drones, land use/rezoning issues, ethics, case reviews & AGOs, DUI updates, and a legislative summary.

You will leave this conference with a better understanding of current legal issues and the impact they will have on the municipalities you represent. Visit the [CAAK website](#) for more information and to register. This event includes 6.5 hours of CLE credit. Cost to attend is \$65 for CAAK members and \$100 for non-members. Advance registration deadline is May 25, 2018. Registrations may be cancelled until 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 5** without penalty. After this deadline, cancellations will no longer be accepted and the registered attendee will be responsible for payment in full. Cancellations must be made in writing. Phone cancellations will not be accepted.



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## KDHE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY GRANTS

KDHE's Public Water Supply Section manages programs that can provide funding assistance for municipalities that desire to make drinking water infrastructure improvements.

Grant funding is available for planning assistance and loan funding is available for planning, design, and construction of drinking water system infrastructure.

Project submittals are now being accepted. Find out more on the [KDHE website](#).

## GREAT PLAINS ADA GATHERING DATA

The Great Plains ADA is working to gather data on ADA compliance/knowledge/services from local governments. **Please ask your ADA Coordinator to complete this survey.**

Richard Sternadori is a teacher and researcher with University of Missouri and Great Plains ADA Center in Columbia. Richard is conducting research in the form of a brief online survey regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The intent of the study is to understand the strengths of our local governments in serving people with disabilities and their families and enhancing the livability of our communities. The League recognizes the importance of this study for all our citizens and ask you to contribute by taking a few moments to participate.

The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous and has been reviewed by the University of Missouri Institutional Review Board (IRB). There is no identifying information unless you choose to provide your zip code. There is no tracking of your replies involving you or your government. Results of the study are in aggregate form only and will be made available to all our members once the study is finished.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study please contact Richard at [sternadorir@missouri.edu](mailto:sternadorir@missouri.edu). If you have concerns about your rights as a research subject you may contact the University of Missouri IRB at (573) 882-3181 or [irb@missouri.edu](mailto:irb@missouri.edu) and you may reference IRB #2002887.

Completing the questions should only take 5 - 10 minutes! The study will be closed for final response at 5:00 p.m. CST on May 11, 2018. Please [click on this link](#) to go directly to the survey.



## LEAGUE LAUNCHES NEW COMMUNITY AWARDS

The League is excited to announce the all new **Inspire - Create - Innovate - Community Awards** to celebrate recent innovations, programs, community projects, and acknowledge overall excellence in local government. Beyond honoring cities, we aim for these awards to spotlight innovations that other communities might replicate.

Recipients of the new Community Awards will be recognized at the League's Annual Conference later this fall. A representative from the winning city will receive a complementary conference registration and may be asked to present on a panel highlighting some of the projects. All winning entries will be featured in League social media and in a future issue of the *Kansas Government Journal*.

### Award Categories:

- Community Health
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Youth Engagement
- Communications

For more information including judging criteria and entry rules, [visit our website](#).

