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FEEDBACK CONFERENCE SURVEY & CALL FOR TOPICS

As we plan for the 2019 Annual Conference, we are seeking feedback and ideas from members. We've developed a quick online survey asking your opinion about topic session ideas, feedback on the conference structure, and whether or not our members would like to see "tracks" based on population, experience in local government, position in local government, or topics (i.e. public works, budgeting, personnel, etc.).

Take our [survey online](#).

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REGISTER NOW FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 23, 2019. City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day.

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.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY
JANUARY 23, 2019**

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2019 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW WEBINAR

The Legislative Session begins January 14, 2019! The League will hold a legislative preview webinar on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The League membership approved the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) at the Annual Conference providing direction to League staff on issues important to cities. Our Action Agenda for 2019 includes Internet sales tax collection, protection of Home Rule and the First Amendment, alternative property valuation, tax lid repeal, municipal budget time lines, workers' compensation, and EMS/hospital funding. [View the SMP online](#). Contact Deputy Director [Trey Cocking](#) with legislative questions.

Register for the [webinar online](#). This webinar is available to the first 100 League members who register.



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A Program of The League

January 2019 Classes:

January 11: Municipal Finance (Eudora)
January 18: Ethics & Civility (Newton)

To register and view class information, visit www.lkm.org/events.



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KANSAS ELECTED OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR NLC COMMITTEES

Several Kansas local government elected officials were chosen to serve on Federal Advocacy Committees with the National League of Cities (NLC) for 2019. The National League of Cities is a resource and advocate for the nation's cities and their leaders.



“We appreciate the time, effort, and dedication our local government leaders have for serving their communities,” said Erik Sartorius, Executive Director for the League of Kansas Municipalities. “In addition to supporting their local communities, these officials are helping support federal advocacy efforts on behalf of cities across America.”

NLC’s seven Federal Advocacy Committees, together with NLC’s leadership and the Federal Advocacy team, play a key role in all NLC advocacy efforts. Comprised of local officials from NLC member cities and towns across the country, the Committees play a central role in developing the organization’s federal policy positions, which are the foundation of our advocacy efforts, and leading our advocacy on the Hill and within the Administration. Combined, these federal policy positions make up the National Municipal Policy, which is a statement of goals, policies, and program objectives that are reviewed annually by the NLC membership.

Stephanie Meyer, Council Vice Chair	Shawnee	Community & Economic Development
Lindsey Constance, Council Member	Shawnee	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
Debbie Kring, Councilmember	Mission	Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
Mickey Sandifer, Councilmember	Shawnee	Human Development
Andy Huckaba, Councilmember	Lenexa	Information Technology and Communications
David Neal, Councilmember	Merriam	Information Technology and Communications
Nick Schlossmacher, Councilmember	Mission	Information Technology and Communications

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE CHANGES IN 2019

In anticipation of the April 1, 2019 changes to cereal malt beverage (CMB) license rules, the League has prepared a new model ordinance. On April 1, 2019, all CMB licensed businesses will be able to sell beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume. Most city ordinances only reference the ability to sell CMB so, the new model authorizes the sale of “Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage” which is defined as the combination of CMB and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume.



The January/February edition of the *Kansas Government Journal* will have a more detailed explanation of all the changes but we wanted to provide our members with the model ordinance now so there is time to work through any questions before April 1, 2019. The model ordinance can be [found at our website](#).

The Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control has also established rules to allow CMB businesses to accept delivery of beer not containing more than 6% alcohol beginning on March 1, 2019. The rules provide for the businesses to stock the higher alcohol content beer and secure it in a way to assure there are no sales prior to April 1, 2019. The memo explaining the rules for this process can also be found on our website. For questions regarding this CMB license change, contact Deputy General Counsel Eric Smith at (785) 354-9565 or [by e-mail](#).