



# THE LEAGUE News

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## WE WANT TO KNOW...

The League is considering making changes and improvements to our Annual Conference, and we'd appreciate your input!

Please take this short survey, which should take about 5 minutes.

**Everyone who provides their full contact information at the end of the survey will be entered to win one complimentary registration to the next League conference.**

Thank you! Provide your feedback via our [online survey](#).

Look for details on the 2018 Annual Conference in future League News and the *Kansas Government Journal*.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Cybersecurity Legislation (HB2560):

Late last week, the House Committee on Government, Technology and Security passed out *Substitute for HB2560* relating to cybersecurity issues in Kansas. The bill contained many amendments to the original version, but the primary issue of note to the League was the removal of "governmental entities" (i.e. municipal governments) from the scope of the bill. In its current form, the provisions of the bill now apply only to executive branch agencies. This week, the committee

also passed out two additional cybersecurity bills. *Substitute for HB2332* reorganizes the Information Technology Executive Calendar, providing for city and county representation. *Substitute for House Bill 2359* is substantially similar to Substitute for HB2560, but incorporates several suggestions from the state's current Chief Information Technology Officer. After reviewing these additional bills, we do not believe they have any additional or significant impact on municipalities. Contact [Doug Taylor](#) if you have questions about this bill.



### Amusement Ride Act (SB307):

On Monday, February 12, the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee took action on *SB307*. Before passing the bill out to the full Senate, there were several amendments made to the bill. One amendment exempts all water slides owned by a municipality from the regulations of the Amusement Ride Act. On Thursday, February 15, the full Senate debated SB307 and passed the bill, as amended by the Federal and State Affairs Committee. The bill will now be sent to the House for their consideration. The League will continue to monitor this bill. Contact [Eric Smith](#) if you have questions about this legislation.

### Massage Licensing (HB2557):

There is a bill, *HB2557* in the legislature that would preempt a city's ability to license massage therapists. A hearing was scheduled for next week but was then canceled. If your city has an interest in this bill, and can provide information that would be useful in prohibiting the preemption of local control over such businesses, contact [Chardae Caine](#).

### Abandoned Property (HB2506):

*HB2506* passed the House on Thursday, February 15. The legislation provides cities a path for addressing blight and abandoned property before it becomes a dangerous structure and must be demolished. We need your continued support on this legislation. As the bill moves to the Senate, we encourage you to contact your Senators and let them know this legislation is important to Kansas cities. We hope to see committee hearings in early March on this issue. Contact [Trey Cocking](#) on this topic.

### K.S.A. 12-104 - Mayor/Governing Body Voting (HB2505):

*HB2505* passed the House on Thursday, February 15. This bill was brought by the League to address questions arising out of K.S.A. 12-104. The legislation redefines when a mayor is considered a member of the city's governing body while giving cities the ability through local control to modify the general rule to best suit their situation. The legislation now moves to the Senate for committee hearings. If you have questions about the proposed changes please contact [Amanda Stanley](#).

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

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# Hiring Public Safety Officials

March 9 (Belle Plaine)

March 30 (Leavenworth)

Attracting, hiring and maintaining quality public safety officials is an issue of great importance to cities.

The League is offering a **NEW Municipal Training Institute class** for municipalities to learn the best practices for Kansas cities to use throughout the hiring process for public safety positions.



For more information and to register, visit [www.lkm.org/events](http://www.lkm.org/events).

The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for member cities, \$100 for nonmember cities. Lunch and materials provided.

## MUNICIPAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: MUNICIPAL FINANCE (CORE)

This course is designed to provide participants with an overview of municipal finance issues in Kansas. It will help city officials address the responsibility of fiscal operations at the local level to ensure effective service to your community. In today's particularly challenging fiscal climate, local leaders must understand the parameters required to set local budgets. This course has been set for February to encourage municipalities to start their 2019 budgeting process earlier due to implications from the tax lid. This course will focus on:

- Cash basis law, cash forecasting and investments;
- Revenue sources, appraisals and assessments;
- Budgeting basics;
- Tax lid impacts on the budget process; and
- Budget monitoring, internal controls and public purpose doctrine.

We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, elected officials, city budget/finance staff and/or city clerks. The course will be a coordinated effort taught by Eric Smith, Deputy General Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities and finance professionals from Kansas cities. This course will be submitted for IIMC and credit. This course will be offered in two locations:

February 23, Manhattan (co-presenter is Hillary Badger, City of Manhattan)

This MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. Your city will be invoiced after the class is finished. [Register online](#).



REGISTER TODAY FOR THE GOVERNING BODY INSTITUTE & MAYORS CONFERENCE.

DOWNLOAD THE SCHEDULE ONLINE @ [WWW.LKM.ORG/GBI](http://WWW.LKM.ORG/GBI)



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## SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS

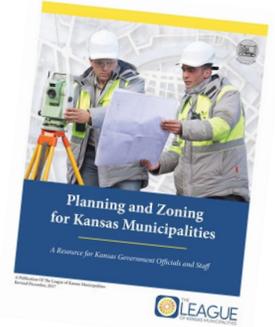
### NEW MENTORING PROGRAM FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS!

The League is starting a new mentoring program in February 2018. Mentoring partnerships help establish relationships through city visits and monthly conversations, holding discussions on advancing innovation in Kansas communities, and influencing achievement through collaboration and engaged participation in municipal and League events. Find out more or sign up online today! League staff will then work to place elected officials in the mentor program.

*Chardae Caine* is the League contact on this program.

## PLANNING & ZONING MANUAL ON SALE

We've updated our League publication, Planning and Zoning for Kansas Municipalities. Planning and zoning go hand-in-hand and are major tools that allow cities to direct the look, feel and functionality of our communities. Planning is the large-scale action of preparing for the future. Zoning is a set of tangible regulations. This manual will address the planning commission, comprehensive planning process, zoning regulations, subdivision regulations and includes the Kansas statutes governing planning and zoning that are current as of the 2017 Legislative Session. The manual is available for order *online*. Cost is \$40 for members, \$60 for non-members.



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**We want to hear from you!**

The League of Kansas Municipalities wants to ensure that the voices of our members are heard. On Fridays, look for a Question of the Week to be posted in League News. There will only be one or two simple multiple choice questions each week.

### Which League event are you most looking forward to attending?

Take the survey here:  
<http://www.lkm.org/surveys/?id=1120076>

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DOWNLOADS

Did you know the League has a full youth engagement program? The League of Kansas Municipalities believes civics education is the foundation of an active and informed citizenry.

We invite you to explore the many FREE downloads and interactive materials at [www.lkm.org/YouthCivicEducation](http://www.lkm.org/YouthCivicEducation).

We have developed programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students; we welcome all age groups to have fun with these resources including:

- A coloring/activity book for elementary school;
- Lesson plans for elementary, middle and high school students with ideas on civic engagement and discussion points; and
- A civic resource guide with websites, online games and mixed media options for educators.

All of the youth education materials comply with the Kansas Department of Education civic standards and are designed for both classroom and personal use.

