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/RSPV so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments.

Legislative Session Begins Monday, Key Contacts Needed

The League's legislative staff is ready for the 2019 session, which begins on Monday. We still need local government officials to serve as key contacts for a few of the newer representatives and senators. If you would like to serve as a key contact for your representative, let Deputy Director Trey Cocking know by e-mailing him. A key contact is the person who is willing to keep in touch with state representatives and let them know what is going on in your city and talk to them about how legislation may affect local governments, and your city specifically.

We've compiled a list of House and Senate Committees and the League legislative staff who will be monitoring each committee. You can reach out directly to the staff member responsible for keeping up on legislation and issues affecting their committees. You can see the committee list online at our website.

As we plan for the 2019 Annual Conference, we are seeking feedback and ideas from members. We've developed a quick on-line 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 on-line.
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.