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Start thinking about projects you want to nominate for a League Inspire - Create - Innovate Community Award!

The Inspire - Create - Innovate - Community Awards 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. Visit [our website](#) for details!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The legislative session is off and running. Our *weekly legislative calendar* lists the committee meetings with presentations, briefings, and hearings that are of interest to local governments. A few items of note:

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE PREEMPTION:

Next Wednesday and Thursday, the Senate Utilities Committee will receive testimony on Senate Bill 68. This legislation would prohibit cities from requiring a franchise agreement for wireless service or wireless infrastructure providers. Several cities have reached franchise agreements with wireless communications companies as they seek to install infrastructure or provide service. Notably, AT&T has said they will not negotiate franchises with cities, though several other providers have chosen to do so. We encourage your city to offer testimony in opposition to this legislation. If you have questions and/or wish to submit testimony, please contact [Erik Sartorius](#).



Cities want residents and businesses to be able to access wireless telecom services. At the same time, cities must ensure the proper use of the public right-of-way, not just for new entities but also for others with equipment in this space. Moreover, they must do so in a way that does not favor one inhabitant over another. The League has visited with the wireless providers, and will continue to do so, as we seek to find a way that can satisfy concerns of all parties.

TAX LID: HB 2063 dealing with the tax lid when a city or county absorbs a smaller unit of government passed out of The House Tax Committee and has been placed in the consent calendar.

911 FEE: HB 2084, raising the monthly 911 fee from \$.53 to \$1.03 per month, will be heard in House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 9am (281-N). The League will be offering neutral testimony on the legislation. We agree that the monthly fee does need to be raised. We are concerned, however, that there is limited room for discussion about the fees due to contractual commitments made prior to a funding stream in place to support those commitments.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION VISION TASK FORCE: The *final report of the task force* was released this week. Co-chairs Ways & Means chair Sen. Carolyn McGinn and Transportation chair Rep. Richard Proehl are working with legislators to put forward initiatives to reflect findings in the report. Various committees have been receiving briefings on the report. A timetable for legislation being introduced has not been set.

Erik Sartorius will also present, along with the Kansas Association of Counties, on current issues in local government for cities at the Senate Elections & Local Government Committee on Tuesday, February 5 at 9:30 a.m. (142-S).



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LABOR LAW POSTER UPDATED

Minor changes were made to the Labor Law Requirements Poster recently. Mandatory changes in labor law posting requirements occur regularly. The law requires employers to post all current labor law posters at each of their locations in areas frequented by employees during the course of a workday. The League offers the "Space Saver" state and federal government labor law poster. Posters are \$25 each, plus applicable sales tax. Shipping and Handling is \$6 for the first poster and \$2 for each additional poster. Order on-line at our [website](http://www.lkm.org).

