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## REGISTER NOW FOR LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Leadership Summit and the Kansas Mayors Conference is a great opportunity to network and learn with your peers. The Leadership Summit is April 12 & 13 in Salina.

This year, the Lt. Governor will be speaking about rural opportunities, the Kansas Department of Transportation will be discussing transportation planning for our state, and the Census will be on hand to talk about how cities should be planning now for the Census in 2020. [Register on-line at our website.](#)

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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 from this week:

**ABANDONED HOUSING:** An amended version of *HB 2314* is set for debate by the House on Monday, March 25. *Please reach out to your representative to encourage their support for this legislation.* Contact *Trey Cocking* with questions regarding this legislation.

**WIRELESS SITING:** *SB 68* was passed to the full House by the Energy, Utilities & Telecom Committee on Thursday. League staff spent the week urging committee members to oppose an amendment from the cable industry allowing them to hang wireless structures from their cables with no compensation to cities. We gained enough support on the committee that cable did not offer their amendment in committee, and have committed to not offer it when the full House debates the bill next week. Contact *Erik Sartorius* with questions on this legislation.



**ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:** *HB 2126* was passed by the full Senate on Thursday and now goes back to the House for consideration to concur or non concur since the Senate amended the House bill. If the House votes to concur, then the bill will be sent to the Governor. If the House votes to non concur then the bill will go to a conference committee later in the session. We will continue to monitor this bill and keep you informed. Contact *Chardae Caine* with questions regarding this legislation.

**TAX LID (CONSOLIDATION):** *HB 2188*, Dealing with the Atchison Watershed and the Tax Lid when a unit of government consolidates with a City or County passed the House 125-0, passed out of Senate Committee and has been placed on the consent calendar. Contact *Trey Cocking* with questions regarding this legislation.

**TAX LID (LOOK-BACK PERIOD):** *HB 2345*, passed out of the House Tax Committee dealing with the Tax Lid it was modified to allow a City or County to go back to the highest tax levy in a five year period instead of a seven years. Contact *Trey Cocking* with questions regarding this legislation.

**PROPERTY TAX - ESCROW OF TAX FOR DISPUTES:** *HB 2340*, which requires the escrowing of the increase in property tax on certain high dollar disputes and provides for the reporting of those tax dollars in dispute to Cities passed out of the House Tax Committee. Contact *Trey Cocking* with questions regarding this legislation.



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## EMERGENCIES HAPPEN. IS YOUR CITY PREPARED?

There are several reports out that say Kansans could possibly expect more severe weather and tornadoes this spring. The League offers our Emergency Management for Cities class each year to help cities prepare for natural disasters including tornadoes and flooding. Our final class for emergency planning is **Friday, March 29 in Cimarron** (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

We know this to be true: emergencies happen. A city's preparation before a disaster can make all the difference.

Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. Nick Hernandez, City Manager for Arkansas City teaches this course along with League staff. The course has been approved for IIMC credit. Register *on-line at our website*.



# APRIL

- City Clerk Fundamentals (Elective)
- APRIL 5 | Garnett

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## LEAGUE LAUNCHES SIMPLIFIED SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM



Is your city interested in honoring city employees or elected officials who have faithfully served your community? Since 1926, the League has promoted a city service award program to recognize devoted public servants at a number of tenure levels.

The League listened to our members' feedback, and our new service award program has been simplified. The new program will roll out April 2, 2019 with an email to city clerks, city managers, city administrators, and human resources personnel with additional information on how the new program will assist your city in recognizing your employees.

If you have any questions about the Service Awards program, contact Administrative Assistant *Kaitlyn Willis*.



# MAY

- Advanced Municipal Finance (Elective)
- MAY 3 | Ottawa

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