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SALARY SURVEY

As you prepare your city budget, please feel free to access the League's 2018 Salary Survey, which is produced biannually.

If you participated in the survey, your city has free access. The spreadsheet is also available for \$35.

Visit our website for more information!

Contact [Chardae Caine](#) with questions regarding the League's Salary Survey!

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The legislature was on the floor most of this week. Here's a few items of note from this week:

ABANDONED HOUSING: This week, an amended version of [HB 2314](#) was approved by the House on a 97-7 vote and sent to the Senate for consideration. Contact [Trey Cocking](#) with questions regarding this legislation.

WIRELESS FRANCHISES: [SB 68](#) was approved by the House on a 112-12 vote, sending it to the governor for likely approval. We expect discussions over the summer with other service and infrastructure providers, including cable companies, on this issue. Contact [Erik Sartorius](#) with questions on this legislation.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS: On Wednesday, the House voted to non concur on [HB 2126](#). The bill will go to a conference committee. We will continue to monitor this bill and keep you informed. Contact [Chardae Caine](#) with questions regarding this legislation.

911 FEES: The Senate passed [HB 2084](#) on a 36-3 vote. They, and the House, will now need to address differences in a conference committee. The primary issue is the rate for the fee. The current rate is \$.60 per month. As introduced, the bill would raise the fee to \$1.03. The House amended the bill to have the rate be \$.82 per month, while the Senate set the rate at \$.90. An important feature of the Senate bill is that it increases funding for PSAPs 10%, while the House version results in a cut to funding. Contact [Erik Sartorius](#) with questions on this legislation.

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY: The House passed [SB 69](#) on a 117-7 vote, and the Senate then concurred with the House's changes, sending this bill to Governor Kelly. The legislation authorizes a study of retail electric rates in Kansas, in an attempt to find ways to bring them more in line with rates of surrounding states. The study will be conducted in two parts – one due next January and one due January 2021. Contact [Erik Sartorius](#) with questions on this legislation.

OATH OF OFFICE: [SB 105](#) passed out of the House on a 124-0 vote and is now headed to the governor, where it will likely be signed into law. The law allows cities to set the date when newly elected officials will take office. Cities may set that date between December 1 and the second Monday in January. After the bill becomes law, the League will send out guidance on the procedure needed to set the date for taking office and best practices for implementing this new law. Contact [Trey Cocking](#) with questions regarding this legislation.

We are finalizing our details for the Leadership Summit and the Kansas Mayors Conference on 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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KDHE OFFERING SOLID WASTE GRANTS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Waste Management is offering Solid Waste Grants for FY 2020. The application period is April 1, 2019 through May 15, 2019. Applications and guidelines are available at www.kdhe.ks.gov/waste/forms_grants.html.



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

Register on-line at: www.lkm.org/events



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](#).

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR COUNTY?

The 2019 County Health Rankings are now available. Additionally, the Kansas Health Institute compiles a five-year trend chart for each Kansas county. The 2019 County Health Rankings show the five healthiest counties, starting with the most healthy, are Johnson, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Riley. Kansas results are available at the Kansas Health Institute website, while national rankings are available at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

