Legislative Updates

The legislature returned on Wednesday, May 1 for their veto session. The legislature continues to work through final items. Senate passed HB 2033 which contains internet sales tax provisions and other, large-scale tax cuts. It is unknown at this time if the Governor will sign the legislation.

**Electric Scooters** - Legislation allowing the cities to regulate the use of electric scooters is heading to the Governor's Office for her signature. The bill is SB 63.

League’s Budget Tips Now Available

Every year, the League publishes a *Budget Tips Bulletin* to assist local officials in preparing their operating budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. On our website, members can find the most up-to-date bulletin, local alcohol tax distribution information, and information on the special street/highway fund. This is a great resource for municipalities. This is a member-based service and requires website registration to access.

Department of Administration Budget Workshops

The Kansas Department of Administration Municipal Services has the schedule up for 2019 Budget Workshops for 2020 Budgets. You can find the location and dates for state budget workshops online.
COMMUNITY AWARDS DUE SOON!

The League is proud to continue the Inspire - Create - Innovate - Community Awards to 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.

View the awards program at our website. Entries are due by June 7, 2019!

LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES NOW FORMING

Since our founding in 1910, advocating on behalf of the cities in Kansas has been a core function of the League of Kansas Municipalities. Our positions on key issues are guided by the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) which is amended and adopted annually by the Convention of Voting Delegates. Decisions about positions on specific pieces of legislation are made by the League Governing Body.

Participation by member cities is critical to our ultimate success as an advocate for municipal interests. All city officials from League member cities are invited to participate on a policy committee. All member cities may designate voting delegates to participate in the Convention of Voting Delegates. All city officials are asked to contact legislators about key issues that are important to your community.

Each year in August, the League’s Policy Committees meet to review the SMP. There are three committees that are focused in specific areas: Finance & Taxation, Public Officers & Employees, and Utilities & Environment. Following the meetings of each of those committees, the Legislative Policy Committee reviews the recommendations of the three specific committees and the remainder of the SMP. The amended SMP is approved by the League’s Legislative Policy Committee and forwarded to the Governing Body for consideration. To participate on a Policy Committee, sign up online.