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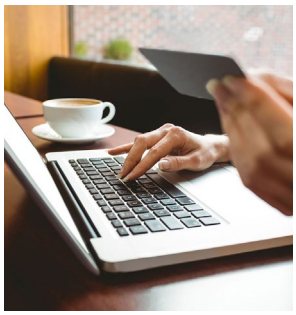
KANSAS COUNTS CENSUS2020

Census 2020 Webinar

This week, the League held a free webinar about the 2020 Census. The webinar covered why the census is important to local governments and steps to form your local Complete Count Committee. You can *watch the webinar online* if you didn't catch the original broadcast.

Also, the League produced a Local Action Guide for local governments which is *available for download.* Setting up a Complete Count Committee is important to ensuring your community is accurately counted.

Legislative Updates



Before the legislature adjourned at 3 a.m. on Sunday, the legislature adopted the Conference Committee Report on *HB 2033*. The bill is another large tax bill that has several corporate provisions, allows individuals to itemize at the state level even if they take the standard deduction at the federal level, and would require out-of-state retailers doing more than $100,000 in business in Kansas to collect and remit sales tax. The states portion of the sales tax would be used to offset the sales tax on groceries starting in 2020. Locals would retain any increase in their sales tax. We will have an update on this issue when available.

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*.

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!**

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MAY

- Social Media for Cities (Elective)
- MAY 17 | Valley Center

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JUNE

- Valuing Diversity (Elective)
- JUNE 13 | Kingman

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Do you need graphics for social media to encourage your residents to file for local election in the Fall?

We have graphics to share! Just contact League Communications and Education Manager, Megan Gilliland, and request the files!

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