Kansas Supreme Court Rules in Tobacco 21 (T-21) Case

Today, the Kansas Supreme Court announced their ruling in a case that the League weighed in on with an amicus brief. The Court said cities can use home rule powers to make these types of decisions at the local level.

The Court found the City of Topeka’s ordinance prohibiting retailers from selling, furnishing, or distributing cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products, or liquid nicotine to anyone under 21 years old is a constitutional exercise of Topeka’s home rule power. The Act does not preempt cities from regulating tobacco products, and the Ordinance does not conflict with the Act by imposing greater restrictions. Because the Ordinance is a constitutional exercise of the City’s home rule power, the Court reversed the district court’s permanent injunction.

Read the Supreme Court’s decision online.

Order Your STO and UPOC Manuals Now

It is time to order your 2019 Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code manuals. We will ship manuals out in mid-July. Cities can order the manuals in either print and/or electronic editions. All versions can be ordered online at the League’s website. Make sure to sign in to get the membership cost savings. In the July Kansas Government Journal, we will publish a summary of changes made in the 2019 versions.
KDOT Hosting Local Consult Meetings in August

KDOT is encouraging local governments and stakeholders to attend Local Consult meetings in August. These meetings are an important opportunity for stakeholders, like you, to share information about needed transportation projects and help shape the future of transportation in Kansas.

KDOT will host another round of Local Consult meetings later this fall. At those meetings, they will build upon the discussions this summer to determine regional priorities for future transportation investments. Collaboration is at the heart of this process – just as it was for the development of the T-WORKS program. A lot has changed in the last 10 years, and it’s time for the next transportation program to take full advantage of accelerating rate of change in technology and growing interest in transit, aviation, rail, broadband and economic vitality.

Below are the dates and locations for the August Local Consult meetings. The same information will be discussed at each meeting, so please select the date and location most convenient to you.

Please let us know which meeting you plan to attend or if you have any questions by contacting Mike Moriarty, KDOT Bureau Chief – Transportation Planning, at (785) 296-8864.

Monday, August 19, 2019
1:30-4:30 pm
Northcentral Region—Salina
Kansas Highway Patrol Academy
2025 East Iron
Salina, KS 67401

Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Southcentral Region—Hutchinson
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Atrium Hotel & Conference Center
1400 North Lorraine St.
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Southeast Region—Independence
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Independence Civic Center
410 N. Penn Ave.
Independence, KS 67301

Thursday, August 22, 2019
Kansas City Metro Region—Overland Park
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Matt Ross Community Center
8101 Marty Street
Overland Park, KS 66204

Monday, August 26, 2019
Northeast Region – Topeka
1:30 – 4:30 pm
Capital Plaza
1717 SW Topeka Blvd
Topeka, KS 66612

Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Wichita Region – Wichita
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Eugene Metroplex
5015 East 29th Street N
Wichita, KS 67260

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Southwest Region – Dodge City
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Dodge House Convention Center
2409 West Wyatt Earp Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801

Thursday, August 29, 2019
Northwest Region – Hays
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fort Hays State Union
700 College Drive
Hays, KS 67601

Honor Your Employees with Service Awards

If your City is interested in honoring your city employees and elected officials, there is still time to order certificates and have their names in the League Service Awards Program. The deadline to order certificates is August 15, 2019. Visit our website and download the Certificate Ordering Template.

This year the League has expanded the options available and simplified the process of ordering gifts. Gift levels are no longer tied to years of service and each City can determine who they want to recognize and why (retirement, birthday, years of service, recognition).

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