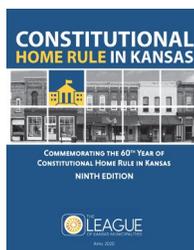




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## REVISED HOME RULE MANUAL AVAILABLE NOW!

League staff recently completed a complete revision of our *Home Rule Manual*. The term home rule has both a philosophical and legal meaning. Philosophically, it is widely understood to suggest a spirit of self-government. Legally, it represents a particular method for distributing power between state and local government. It is the granting of power to local governing bodies to initiate legislation. This manual is devoted to the legal concept of home rule in Kansas, as granted to cities by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution. This manual was last updated in 1994 and is the ninth edition since 1961.

Order at an early bird price of \$49 for members and \$82.50 for non members until May 31, 2020. Prices will increase June 1, 2020.

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## LEAGUE LAUNCHES SURVEY ON FINANCIAL IMPACTS DUE TO COVID-19

We are conducting a survey of Kansas cities to complete some data analysis for municipal finance impacts regarding COVID-19. It will take about 25 minutes but the data is really helpful as we work with the state and federal entities. Just submit one survey for your city. We are asking for the *survey to be complete* by Tuesday, April 21 if possible.



### COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR CITIES | [WWW.LKM.ORG/COVID-19](http://WWW.LKM.ORG/COVID-19)

Governor Kelly has extended the *statewide Stay-at-Home Executive Order* through May 3, 2020.

The League is actively monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and is working with other agencies to provide our member cities with timely, accurate and important information as it becomes available. We *created this web page* as a resource for city officials. It is updated numerous times during the day with relevant city information.

See the *web page* for information on:

- The latest news for cities from state agencies and trusted sources;
- Personnel and federal legislation summaries;
- Local emergency declarations and county stay-at-home orders;
- Utility and municipal operational guidance;
- Public closure guidance;
- CDC and KDHE guidance on quarantine and social distancing/stopping the spread;
- Meeting guidance, technological options for meetings, and open meeting laws; and;
- Messaging examples to use in your cities/organizations.

The League staff will continue to offer our bi-weekly conference call for city officials for the foreseeable future. The information is for city officials - elected officials, appointed officials, city attorneys, department heads, etc. It is a way to keep you informed of the latest information regarding COVID-19 and municipal operations.

**We have transitioned to using Zoom for the meetings and city officials will receive e-mail instructions on how to access the meeting.** This will be a YouTube link and you will watch the video of the live call.

The calls are held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are a city official, please contact the League staff for access to the conference call.

The information on the conference call closely mirrors the information on our *COVID-19 page* resource page.



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## GOVERNING BODY INSTITUTE & KANSAS MAYORS CONFERENCE

Save the Date for the rescheduled 2020 Governing Body Institute, July 31-August 1 in Manhattan, Kansas. If you have already registered for the previously scheduled GBI, we will be contacting you to check and see if you would like to keep your registration.

Attending GBI is the first step new officials should take toward success in public office. Re-elected officials or longer-term appointed officials will also value the up-to-date information on municipal operations and networking opportunities this conference offers.

Visit our [website](#) for more details and to register.

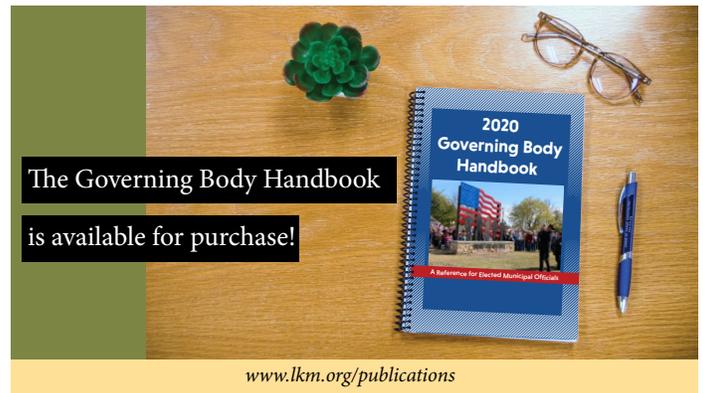


## 2020 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The latest edition of the League's *Governing Body Handbook* is now available to order. This publication is an essential local government guide and a valuable reference tool for municipal elected officials. The publication incorporates provisions explaining the major federal and state laws concerning municipal operations. It also includes a number of ideas and suggestions that we hope you will find useful in your public service. The publication can now be ordered on-line and will begin shipping in April.

Every League member city will automatically receive two complimentary copies of the updated version but many cities order extra for staff and additional governing body members.

Order on-line at the [League website](#).



## SUPREME COURT ORDER FOR MUNICIPAL COURTS

The Supreme Court has issued an amended order adding several clarifications such as including courts closed by city manager, municipal judge, or other authorized municipal officer. Find a [copy of the Order online](#).

## PROTECTING YOUR CITY FROM SCAMS

Ember Enterprises, one of our Municipal Business Alliance members provided the League with a summary of how to increase your cybersecurity measures to protect your business from scams during COVID-19. [Read it online](#).

