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AD ASTRA: A PLAN TO REOPEN KANSAS

Governor Kelly announced her newest Executive Order on April 30. *Executive Order No. 20-29*, implements Phase One of “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen KANSAS.” The *plan can be reviewed online*.

There have been a lot of questions about which previous Executive Orders have been reenacted (essentially extended) under *Executive Order 20-28*, issued on April 30. This *document provides* a list of those applicable Executive Orders. The League staff is working to develop a Q & A document that clarifies/summarizes information in the Ad Astra plan and Executive Order for local governments. We will release that document on our *COVID-19 website* as soon as we have it available later today.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS WANTED...

We are trying to keep on track with planning the *League's Annual Conference* for October 2020. The conference is set for October 10-12 in Wichita. Even with the pandemic, we are working to develop educational sessions and events for members. This is where we need your help!

What sessions and topics would you like to see at our Annual Conference? What would help your city the most for elected officials, appointed officials, and staff?

Let us know by filling out our *quick survey online* at our website.

And, mark your calendar now for the Annual Conference. We will continue to plan for the best and we sure hope we can meet in person in October for a weekend of learning and networking with public officials.



COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR CITIES | WWW.LKM.ORG/COVID-19

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.

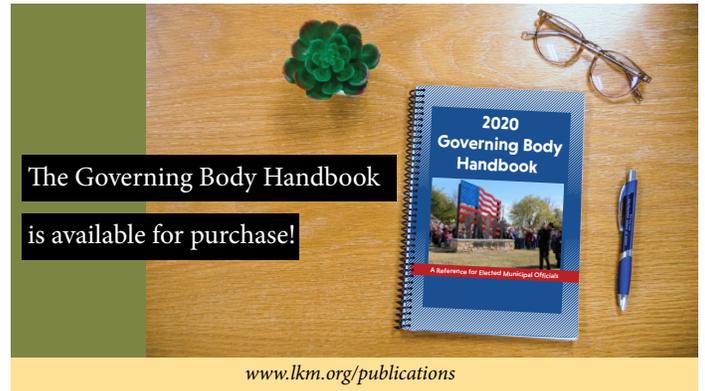


2020 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

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.

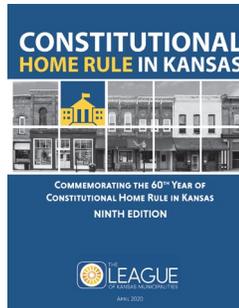
Every League member city will automatically receive two complimentary copies of the updated version but many cities order extra for staff and additional governing body members.

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



REVISED HOME RULE MANUAL

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.

Order [at our website](#).

KDHE SOLID WASTE GRANTS

KDHE is offering Solid Waste Reduction Grants for SFY 2021. The application period will be open until May 15, 2020. The grants can be used for waste reduction activities, equipment and education/outreach. Cities, counties, solid waste regions, universities and private entities can apply for the grants which will go into effect August 1, 2020.

Grant requests below \$7,500 can be completed on a simplified form. The Grant Guidelines and Applications can be found at [KDHE's website](#).

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