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BUDGET TIPS NOW ONLINE

Every year, the League publishes Budget Tips to assist member cities and local officials in preparing their operating budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. You can find the most up-to-date bulletin, local alcohol tax distribution information, and information on the special street/highway fund. **Note:** We have updated the Budget Tips, however we are still working with State agencies to get the Local Alcohol Tax Distribution and Special Street/Highway Fund reports. We will post them as soon as they become available.

Find Budget Tips [online at our web page](#). You must have your website login to access the web page.

For questions or more information, please contact Staff Attorney [John Goodyear](#).

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THE LEGISLATURE RETURNS...

The Legislature returned last week and passed a number of bills that League staff is currently analyzing, and will put out detailed descriptions, if they are signed into law. One of the bills passed was [HB 2702](#), formerly known as [SB 294](#), the bill which goes into effect for the 2022 budget cycle eliminates the tax lid, but adds a requirement for truth-in-taxation hearing after every property owner receives a detailed notification from the county clerk.

The Governor did veto a bill dealing with a number of COVID items, including extending the emergency declaration, more controls on the Governor's actions, and additional liability protections. After issuing a veto, the Governor called the legislature back for a special session that will start next Wednesday, June 3. There is no limit to the time length of the special session or the matters that could be acted on.

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 sent you an e-mail with a survey about the conference.** Please respond so we can plan!



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.



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

The League is continuously monitoring the fluid 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.

We will be holding our 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. 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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COVID-19 AND UTILITIES

One of the League's Member Business Alliance members, HomeServe, will offer a Zoom roundtable on Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m. for municipalities to discuss utility challenges in the wake of COVID-19. [Register for the roundtable online.](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new challenges to local and utility leaders. How do you keep the utilities running, ensure the safety of your employees and residents, or hold public meetings in the social distancing era? There's no one-size-fits-all solution, so where do you find resources you need to address these unique problems? How do Public-Private Partnerships fit in and how can you leverage them to help?

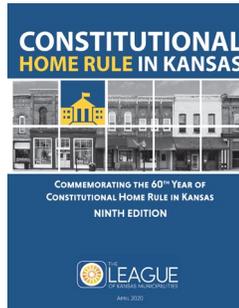
Register to hear from a panel of professionals in a free community roundtable discussion on how to address these obstacles in the time of COVID-19.

Topics include:

- The importance of keeping utility services running
- Aggregation of resources
- Leveraging P3's to manage through crises like Covid-19
- The go-forward state of public meetings
- Protecting your employees, customers and residents

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.](#)



CONGRATS!!

Davianna Humble was the League's 2018-2019 KU Management Intern. She was just awarded the ICMA Local Government Early Career Service Certificate. ICMA started the certificate in May of 2019, and gives it to MPA or MPP students who complete projects for local governments.

"It also recognizes graduating students in good academic standing who have gone above and beyond the requirements of their degree programs and displayed a commitment to local government service."

Davianna was one of 38 students around the country receiving this honor. Davianna graduated a couple of weeks ago and will continue to work in Douglas County, Kansas!

View all recipients online at the [ICMA website.](#) Congratulations, Davianna!