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HONOR YOUR EMPLOYEES & OFFICIALS WITH SERVICE AWARDS

Is your city interested in honoring city employees or elected officials who have faithfully served your community? Since 1926, the League has promoted a city service award program to recognize devoted public servants at a number of tenure levels.

The certificate portion of the League Service Awards Program is open to all League member cities. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more and download the Certificate Ordering Template. The template should be returned to [Kaitlyn Willis](#) by August 14, 2020.

Last year the League expanded the gift portion of the Service Award Program. Gift levels are no longer tied to years of service and each city can determine who they want to recognize and at what level. Please [visit our website](#) to see the gift level catalogs and download a pdf with pricing and ordering instructions.

If you have any questions about the Service Awards program, contact Administrative Assistant [Kaitlyn Willis](#).

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LEAGUE DUES NEWS

The League Governing Body recently met in Lawrence on Friday, June 12 and, following the recommendation from staff, voted not to increase the base charge for the 2021 dues. For cities of the First Class, the base charge will remain at a 15% surcharge of the combined per capita and assessed valuation charge. For Cities of the Second Class, the base charge remains at \$475, and Cities of the Third Class, the base charge remains at \$250. Look for the 2021 dues packet in December.

The Governing Body thanks our members for your continuing support and commitment with your membership. This year has been a challenging time for cities; we have witnessed cities addressing unprecedented and unplanned crises and finding ways to continue their work. As an organization, we are proud we've been able to offer the legal, operational, and moral support you've needed. We look forward to continuing efforts to keep cities strong and vital.

If you have any questions, please contact Finance Manager [Rynae Redd](#).



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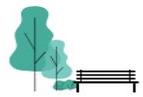
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Cities Are Essential. Cities provide essential services for 83% of Kansas residents across the state including police, fire and sanitation. Relief for cities translates directly into quality of life for residents. Without investment in local governments, our communities may be less safe, less healthy, less prosperous. Funding for cities means meals for children in need, services for seniors, housing, trash collection, roads being paved, water lines being repaired.

City governments across the nation provide essential services that keep our economy and neighborhoods strong. From sanitation services, water utilities and public health to affordable housing, summer youth programming and public safety, these are the services that make our communities work. As the coronavirus spiraled into a global public health and economic crisis, local leaders and municipal workers were and continue to be on the front lines of minimizing the spread and preparing to reopen, while minimizing the financial burden of mass unemployment and industry shutdowns on residents and businesses.

Despite these efforts, the sudden, deep and all-encompassing crisis and ensuing economic decline has left city budgets with gaping revenue losses and unexpected expenses. Contact your congressional representative and senators and ask them to support federal legislation to support cities as we work toward recovery. The National League of Cities has created a [sample letter](#) to your representatives for inspirational use or as a template.



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LEAGUE SALARY SURVEY DELAYED

We are delaying the League's biennial salary survey until next year. We were set to release the salary survey for cities to complete this spring, but postponed the release due to COVID-19 and cities dealing with unexpected operational issues related to the pandemic.

The last salary survey was completed in 2018. The survey data and results are intended to provide League members with a comprehensive analysis of municipal finance practices in Kansas when it comes to personnel. The information aids the League's advocacy efforts to construct policy analysis based on different perspectives of cities' financial environments.

In 2018, 237 cities completed the entire survey. Member cities that participated in the survey receive the data free-of-charge. We hope to release the salary survey in spring 2021 for cities to complete.

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*.



LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP WEBINAR

The League legislative staff will offer their annual legislative wrap-up webinar on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. Register today to hear how local governments fared in the legislative session and find out more about future priorities and upcoming policy committee meetings.

Register in advance for this webinar (*registration link*).

You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.