We are beginning our preparations for the 2021 League Annual Conference, scheduled for October 9 through 11 in Topeka.

At this time, it is our intent to hold an in-person conference with possible modifications. Visit our event web page for updates on the Annual Conference.

League Governing Body recently met in Topeka today. Following a recommendation from staff, the Governing Body voted not to increase the base charge for the 2022 dues. Per the bylaws, any change in the base charge is to be communicated to members by June 15 so that you have the information during your budgeting process. 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 2022 dues packet in December.

The Governing Body thanks you for your continuing support and commitment with your membership. This past 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 Rynae Redd.
BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS SURVEY

The Institute for Policy & Social Research (IPSR) at the University of Kansas is conducting a study on broadband access and affordability in Kansas. The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of internet access for schools, households, health care, and the economy. Researchers at the University of Kansas are assessing the availability and quality of internet connections across the state. This survey and speed test are designed to gather data about the availability and speed of internet service in Kansas, including to identify locations that lack internet or broadband service. Take the survey.

CENSUS DATA WORKSHOP

The Kansas State Data Center is hosting a virtual data workshop on Wednesday, June 23 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. This workshop will cover data.census.gov - the Census Bureau's primary data dissemination tool. During this session you will learn how to search and download data, use the map feature, and customize table views on data.census.gov. Included will be a walk-through of the data platform, guidance on helpful learning resources, and addressing the most commonly asked questions. The presenters will also introduce microdata access on data.census.gov (commonly known as MDAT), a tool for custom data tabulations using Public User Microdata files (PUMS).

This workshop will be conducted by KaNin Reese. KaNin Reese is the Chief of the Dissemination Outreach Branch at the U.S. Census Bureau, where she engages internal and external stakeholders in the future of data dissemination. KaNin joined the Census Bureau in 2005 as a survey statistician and worked on various surveys and programs as an income and poverty analyst. For the past four years, KaNin has been responsible for the communications and outreach efforts for the Census API, Microdata Access tool, and the new data dissemination platform, data.census.gov. KaNin has a master’s degree in demography from University of Mississippi and a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University. Please register to attend.

BUDGET TIPS NOW ONLINE

Every year, the League publishes Budget Tips to assist 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. League members can access budget tips online.