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.

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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. Please visit our website to learn more about service award certificates and to place an order. Orders are due by August 20, 2021.

The League also has an Employee Recognition program that gives cities the option to purchase gift cards to recognize employees. This program includes gift cards with different themes to present to your employees: Retirement, Thanks, Congratulations, and Years of Service. To review the gift card themes and ordering instructions, please go to our website.

If you have any questions about Service Award Certificates or the Employee Recognition Program, e-mail Administrative Assistant Kaitlyn Willis.

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Legislation Requiring a Hearing to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate

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A Program of The League

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July 21 McPherson 10am-4pm

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA RELATIONS
LEAGUE GOVERNING BODY FINALIZES 2022 DUES

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.

NATIONAL SUMMIT ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY

Strengthening regional economies has never been more important as we navigate the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. The National League of Cities (NLC) and the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) are holding a special national summit June 29 to support regional economic development strategies, connect urban and rural communities within regions, and promote growth, equity and resilience. The event will include the release of critical new research, discussions with key practitioners and policy leaders, and opportunities to engage on strategy development. Local, regional and state economic development officials and staff are highly encouraged to attend. Register here.

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.