Municipal Revenue Survey Deadline Extended One Week

The League has extended the deadline for the Municipal Revenue Survey to August 27. is now collecting responses for the 2021 Survey of Municipal Revenue Practices. The purpose of this survey is to provide our members with a comprehensive analysis of municipal revenue practices within Kansas. If you need a link, please contact Research Associate Wendi Stark.

Each city that completes the survey will have free access to the final report and data, which the League will provide after the survey is complete.

Early Census Data Released

We are working to dive into some of the data that was released recently from the 2020 Census. The latest population totals for counties and cities was released and can be found online. We are working to develop a presentation for cities with more data that will be useful for cities.

Governing Body Nominations Now Open

The League is seeking nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the Governing Body. Both elected and appointed officials are welcome to apply. The positions of president, vice president and director are open for nominations. The Governing Body meets six times a year, providing guidance to the League executive director for the organization’s direction. We seek a broad and varied collection of directors, preferring diversity of geography, municipal position, city size, race and gender among the director membership. The League asks that all nominations be submitted by Friday, September 17. Submit nominations online.

Excellence in Local Government Award Nominations Open

Now is the time to nominate a Kansas elected city official who has demonstrated outstanding service their city AND shown an active commitment to strong local government and service to the League of Kansas Municipalities. The E.A. Mosher Award is a prestigious honor and we look forward to naming the 2021 E.A. Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award winner at our annual conference in October. Nominations can be done online.
Housing Help for Homeowners

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation is launching a new initiative: relief for homeowners financially impacted by the COVID pandemic. The Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF), established through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will aim to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

KHRC staff is designing a program to serve Kansas homeowners in need. They will offer a webinar on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 10 a.m. to learn about the proposed plan and share feedback. Homeowners can also complete a survey on how the COVID pandemic has affected your household.

City Attorney Fall CLE

Don’t miss out on the opportunity to network with other city attorneys at the City Attorneys Association of Kansas (CAAK) fall CLE. This year’s fall CLE will be held on Friday, October 8, in conjunction with the League Annual Conference. We will be requesting six hours of CLE credit. Some of the topics included will be Ethics – KOMA/KORA, City Attorney 101, ARPA Funds/OPIOID Funds - Panel, along with many more including Caselaw update. The meeting will be held at the Topeka Hotel at City Center + Maner Conference Center (formerly Capital Plaza Hotel). The last day to register for the event is September 24 by 5pm. For more information and registration go to our website.

Conference Voting Delegates

The League is now collecting registrations for Voting Delegates and Alternates. The Annual Business Meeting & Convention of Voting Delegates will be on Monday, October 11 at 11:45 a.m. during the League’s Annual Conference. Registrations will be collected through online forms. Please go to our website to register delegates and alternates from your city. The forms must be completed by Friday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. The League must have a form on file for each voting delegate and each alternate for their vote to count during the business meeting. Forms received after this date may not be processed. Please contact Kaitlyn Willis if you have any questions.

Voter Network Working to Increase Voter Turnout

The Voter Network is a local nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to increase voter turnout across Kansas, which can be a tough task in a local election year when the majority of voters don’t participate!

This year, to combat this, The Voter Network is working with local candidates and office-holders to offer more resources for voters, and they’ve set a big goal: to host a 1-Minute Video introduction for as many city/school candidates as they can on KSBallot.org, their nonpartisan ballot guide. And, they need your help to make this happen! This is a fun, quick, and easy way to help people feel more prepared and comfortable at the ballot box. Plus, it gives candidates a chance to introduce themselves to voters.

The Voter Network is offering to record, or to host an existing, introductory video up to one minute and thirty seconds long on KSBallot.org. If you’re running for office in 2021, keep an eye on your inbox for an official invitation to participate and more details soon. And in the meantime, you can also find all the details and set a time to record your video at: www.ksballot.org. Reach out with any questions to contact@thevoternetwork.org.

Launched in 2019, KSBallot.org is the widest-reaching ballot guide in Kansas, and will be available this year in Kansas municipalities with 5,000 or more residents. On the site, voters can enter their address to find links to register to vote, research who and what is on their ballot, and find early voting locations and polling places. The tool will be live and ready to share in late September!