Today is the last day to register online for the League's Annual Conference! We are looking forward to meeting in-person on October 9-11 in Topeka. We are taking steps to hold a safe event for all our attendees. You may have seen the recent announcement that the National League of Cities conference this fall is going fully virtual, so that means if you want your face-to-face fix, we'd love to see you in Topeka! Hurry - last chance to register online is today.

Why should you attend conference? If you are a local government official - elected or staff - this event is your best resource for learning about timely topics and how to address challenges in your community. The networking and meeting other officials is hands-down the #1 reason people say they attend and see value in their attendance. We can't wait to see you in Topeka!

This year, we have great programming set with top-notch speakers! Our sessions include:

- Rural Housing Incentive Districts
- The Pandemic and Beyond: Kansas PRIDE Impact, Updates and Opportunities
- What Works When Developing a Sales Tax for Your Community
- Savvy Social Media Strategies
- A Conversation on the Future of Rural Healthcare in Kansas
- Designing Public Art Projects in Your Community
- Recruiting, Hiring and Retaining Public Employees in a Competitive Market
- Regional Housing Solutions
- National League of Cities Federal Update
- Developing a Cybersecurity Plan for Your City

The conference will include many of our members' favorite activities still planned – the Trade Show with municipal vendors, KMIT reception, and the Sunday evening League Awards Banquet/Social Event where we will recognize our local government 40/45/50 Year Service Awards and Affiliate awards.

The League recently posted a Terms and Conditions for COVID-19 for the Annual Conference on the main conference web page. We encourage all attendees to review this document immediately.

Register today! We can't wait to gather again in Topeka and we hope to see you there!
What is HOME RULE?


We have 625 cities in the State of Kansas. All are different, with unique needs and services. Commonly, cities offer these services:

- Safety
- Parks
- Water
- Libraries
- Roads

Home Rule gives us the power to decide which services we want and to solve problems locally.

Celebrate Home Rule this October!

In 2021, the League is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Home Rule amendment. Before 1960, a state statute was required to authorize a city to take action on a particular issue — a city had no power to act at the local level. If a city wanted to move on anything, from animal control to fire prevention, they first had to petition the state legislature for statutory permission. This type of state oversight prevented cities from being innovative and adapting to the rapidly changing environments in which they continue to operate.

We are celebrating Home Rule in Kansas this October! Download a proclamation for your city to proclaim October 11, 2021 as Home Rule Day or use any of our graphics to share the concept of Home Rule on your city’s social media, website, or newsletters! The digital toolkit is available online and we encourage all cities to use it and celebrate Home Rule in Kansas this October!

Since 1961, Kansas has been a Home Rule state via constitutional amendment; meaning that the people of Kansas have decided that they primarily prefer their local governments, rather than the state, making decisions for their communities. The basic power granted to cities by the Home Rule amendment are included in these few words: “Cities are hereby empowered to determine their local affairs and government.” On the one hand, Home Rule grants cities the power to legislate their local affairs and government. On the other hand, it restricts the power of the state legislature to treat cities differently and to enact binding nonuniform restrictions on local affairs.

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.

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 5:00 p.m. For more information and registration go to our website.