OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Remember that the League has informational available on the Kansas Fights Addiction Act and how your city can receive settlement funds. On the website, you will find all the documents and forms needed to participate and instructions on where to submit them. The settlement information can be found at our website.

John Goodyear, General Counsel, is the League's contact for the opioid settlement process.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

Save the Date
JANUARY 26, 2022

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 26, 2022. Registration is now open, and a schedule of events and additional information can be found at our website.

Local Government Day provides an opportunity to make appointments to visit your legislators about issues that are important to your community. Legislative leadership will join us late in the afternoon for programming, followed by a reception where all legislators are invited to attend to network with city and county government officials.

This event is free to attend, but please register so we may get an accurate headcount for evening refreshments.

STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICY

The League’s Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) is revised each year to reflect the League’s advocacy goals and priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Our members develop the policy through an established process each fall.

We believe the prosperity of the State of Kansas is absolutely dependent upon the prosperity of our cities. Over 83% of Kansans live in an incorporated city. In an effort to promote healthy and sustainable communities, the elected and appointed city officials of Kansas establish these priorities to clearly communicate our legislative policy annually. Read the SMP in full on our website.
LAST DAY FOR TAX RATE BOOK DATA

Today is the final day to complete your city’s tax rate information to guarantee publication in the “Kansas Tax Rate and Fiscal Data Book.” Currently we are missing data for five cities of the first class, and thirty-three cities of the second class. We have received data from nearly 140 responses from cities of the third class. This data is used each year by officials all across the state, and will be published in the March edition of the Kansas Government Journal. If you have questions about the survey or need a link, please contact Wendi Stark.

KANSAS HOUSING STUDY RELEASED

A year-long comprehensive statewide housing needs assessment—the first of its kind undertaken in 27 years—is nearing completion, and Kansans are invited to learn about preliminary findings in a series of regional community meetings. The study identifies current housing needs and growth opportunities, including goals to guide the state’s future housing development efforts.

The survey and analysis included a series of 71 virtual and in-person listening sessions with more than 425 community participants across the state, as well as meetings with housing stakeholder groups. Consultants conducted a statewide survey of more than 4,400 respondents and analyzed census data to develop a comprehensive picture of the state’s housing needs, current resources, and growth opportunities. These findings revealed several key goals to address future housing needs:

- Prioritize middle income housing
- Diversify housing stock
- Extend housing security
- Reinvest in older housing stock, including vacant units
- Address the building trades labor shortage
- Extend existing human capital resources

Kansans are encouraged to learn more about the study’s results and how their communities can expand housing opportunities by participating in their upcoming December 13 virtual session.

ROAD USAGE SURVEY

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is studying how a road usage charge (RUC) system that reflects unique Midwestern needs could help fund transportation investments. A RUC is a policy whereby drivers pay to use the road based on miles driven.

The study will provide an important Midwest rural, agricultural, and freight industry perspective to the national conversation. To date, RUC research has been primarily focused on the East and West coasts.

Throughout this voluntary, multi-phase study, KDOT will be seeking volunteers to engage in activities and provide feedback that will inform what a study pilot looks like. The first opportunity to get involved is participating in a short statewide survey that will be open through the end of the year. You can also sign-up for email updates to stay informed of future input opportunities such as workshops and pilot recruitment. Take the survey.