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LEAGUE SEEKS GOVERNING BODY NOMINATIONS



The League invites nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the Governing Body. Both elected and appointed officials are welcome to apply [online](#). The Governing Body consists of 12 directors, a president, vice president and past presidents who meet six times a year to provide direction to the organization. The League is actively seeking nominations for a director position. We seek a broad and varied collection of directors, preferring diversity of geography, municipal position, city size, race and gender among the director membership.

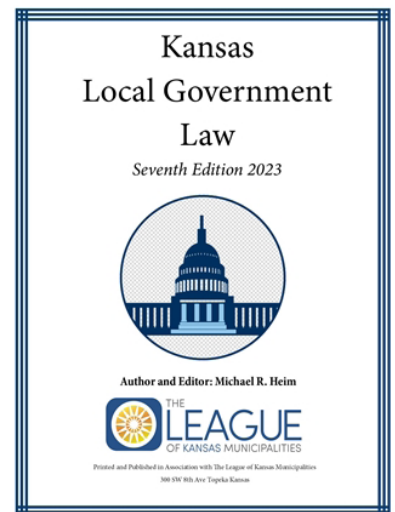
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ORDER THE UPDATED *Kansas Local Government Law Book*

The updated *Kansas Local Government Law Handbook*, 2023 by Mike Heim is considered an essential publication for individuals who interact with local government on a regular basis. The handbook provides an analysis of election laws shifting local elections from spring to fall; the open meetings law and the open records law changes including penalty provisions and enforcement authority for the Attorney General and local prosecutors; new city and county revenue neutral law; budgeting, cash basis law, auditing, accounting, public funds, deposits and investments, and municipal bond updates; the latest Kansas Tort Claims Act, and Section 1983 cases and other federal civil rights laws updates; preemption of local governments' ability to regulate the open carrying of knives, firearms and handguns and the concealed carrying of handguns; employment-at-will, due process, and free speech of public employees updates; city and county home rule powers, planning and zoning, and a section dealing with economic development tools and public incentives. The book will be ready for shipment late January. Click [here](#) to place your order.



SAVE THE DATE! JANUARY 25, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

The League will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 25, 2023. Registration is now open, and a tentative schedule of events and additional information can be found at our [website](#). **Participants will receive an email the day before the event with final details, including parking and shuttle service.**





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JOIN US FOR THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE LIVESTREAM OF 2023

The League of Kansas Municipalities Legislative Livestream (formerly known as the League Conference Call or League Call) returns Friday, January 13 at 3 p.m. This livestream is broadcast to our unlisted YouTube channel and the link to watch will be sent out to our affiliate listservs each week about 15 minutes before the livestream begins. To verify you will receive the livestream link, email [Spencer Duncan](mailto:Spencer.Duncan@lkm.org).

The weekly livestream will take place during the 2023 Legislative Session and will provide updates and information directly from our advocacy staff on issues impacting municipalities. If you have questions or specific issues you would like addressed during the livestream, email Government Affairs Director [Spencer Duncan](mailto:Spencer.Duncan@lkm.org).

LEGISLATIVE KEY CONTACTS

We need your help to ensure we can contact Legislators at key times when issues directly impacting your municipality are considered at the Legislature. The League Key Contacts are individuals at a municipality who can contact your Legislator at important times. It also allows our advocacy team to reach out to you at key times during the session.

We request all current key contacts to please reach out to us to provide your most up-to-date information. If you are unsure whether your city has a key contact established, please contact [Kerry Pancoast](mailto:Kerry.Pancoast@lkm.org) to confirm - we'd like to have at least one from every city!

UPDATE ON THE LEAGUE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

The search for a new Executive Director continues. The League Search Committee met on December 21, 2022, to select semi-finalists. Strategic Government Resources who is providing executive search consulting services for the League had each semi-finalist respond to a questionnaire and do a video interview. The Search Committee will review the semi-finalist submissions on January 6, 2023, to select finalist for formal in-person interviews with the Governing Body later in January.

UPDATE ON THE LEAGUE'S STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The League Governing Body received four responses to the Request for Proposals to conduct the League Strategic planning process. The Governing Body hopes to have a firm selected by the end of January with a completion goal of October 2023. At the December 9, 2022, Governing Body meeting, President Wilkes appointed the following to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee to facilitate the planning process: Michael Wilkes, Olathe City Manager, Troy Tabor, Andover Councilmember, Dave McDaniel, Ellis Mayor, Curt Skoog, Overland Park Mayor, Ty Lasher, Bel Aire City Manager, and Sara Caylor, Ottawa Commissioner.

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THIS WEEK: FCC MAP CHALLENGE BRIEFING - HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF SENATOR ROGER MARSHALL

In November, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its first public version of the [National Broadband Map](#) and opened the public challenge process to give individuals, community leaders and broadband providers an opportunity to challenge and correct the map's data. The FCC's broadband map is consequential in that it is the **sole** data source that will be used to determine each state's piece of the \$42.5 billion Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, passed by Congress as part of the federal infrastructure bill.

Cities, counties and broadband providers can play an important role in updating the broadband map's data through the [bulk challenge process](#). To help stakeholders better understand the challenge process, the Office of Senator Marshall, in coordination with the FCC, will host a briefing on **Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m.** to review the challenge process. Click [here](#) to access the zoom link. The meeting ID is 160 769 4606 and the passcode is 39JUZ@xw.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT + INVITATION TO KANSAS BROADBAND SUMMIT

Kansas received nearly \$5.7 million to expand equitable broadband access. The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) is excited to launch their [#BEAD](#) and [#DigitalEquity](#) planning efforts through funding from the [#IIJA](#) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law! These dollars will fund strategic planning and outreach to facilitate [#internetforall](#) across Kansas. Press release with more details [here](#).

To launch these efforts, the KOBD is hosting the Kansas Broadband Summit on **January 19 at Wichita State University Hughes Metropolitan Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The KOBD will share engagement strategies and information regarding Broadband Equity Access and Deployment and Digital Equity planning efforts. This event will provide an opportunity to discuss how we can work together to efficiently and effectively use these dollars to achieve the highest level of high-speed internet deployment and adoption. Register [here](#).

Who should come? Community champions, local governments, economic development, and community anchor institutions (schools, libraries, higher education, museums, and nonprofits).

Stay connected by [subscribing](#) to the Broadband Newsletter.

KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION (KHRC) 2023 MIH, KHITC, AND MIH-ARPA APPLICATION AND MIH-ARPA RFP RELEASED

KHRC has released the final 2023 application(s) for the Moderate Income Housing (MIH), Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit (KHITC), and MIH-American Rescue Plan Act (MIH-ARPA) Programs, along with the 2023 Request for Proposal (RFP) and Summary of Comments & Questions for the MIH-ARPA Program.

The following resources are available on the [MIH page of KHRC's website](#):

- 2023 MIH, KHITC & MIH-ARPA Excel Application(s)
- 2023 MIH-ARPA Request for Proposals (RFP)
- 2023 MIH-ARPA Summary of Comments & Questions

Scroll down to the "Documents | Forms | Resources" menu near the bottom of the MIH page to access these documents. If you are unable to see the new documents, we encourage you to clear your cache by doing a "Shift + Reload" in your web browser. Questions? Email MIH@kshousingcorp.org.