

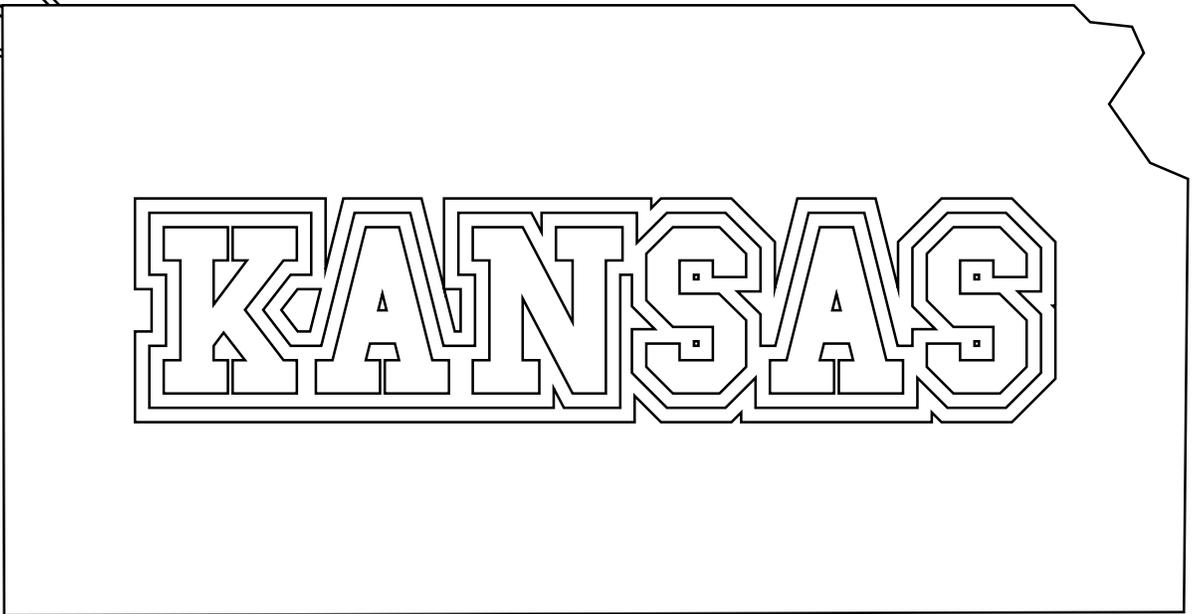
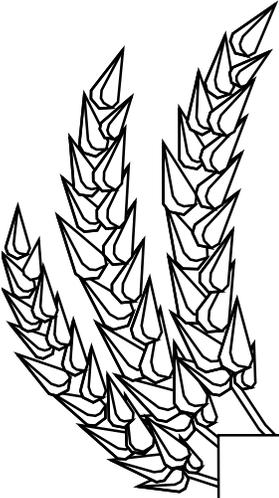
My City



My Home

Active in Your Community

Where in Kansas is your City?



WELCOME TO MY CITY

My City's name is:

My County's name is:

The population of my city is:



**Draw a Map of
your city:**

Include stopping points for your city hall, your police department, your house, your local food bank, your fire department, your hospital, your railroad, and your landfill.

A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line border, intended for drawing a map of the city.

Mayor-Council Government

The Mayor-Council form of government is the most common. When citizens vote in city elections, they select individuals to make city decisions. Voters often select a mayor and a city council. These people work together to make decisions on how to run the city and improve their community.

The mayor's role includes talking to citizens of the city and other government leaders to help solve problems. The Mayor must be a leader for the city and for the council.

VOTE

My Mayor is:

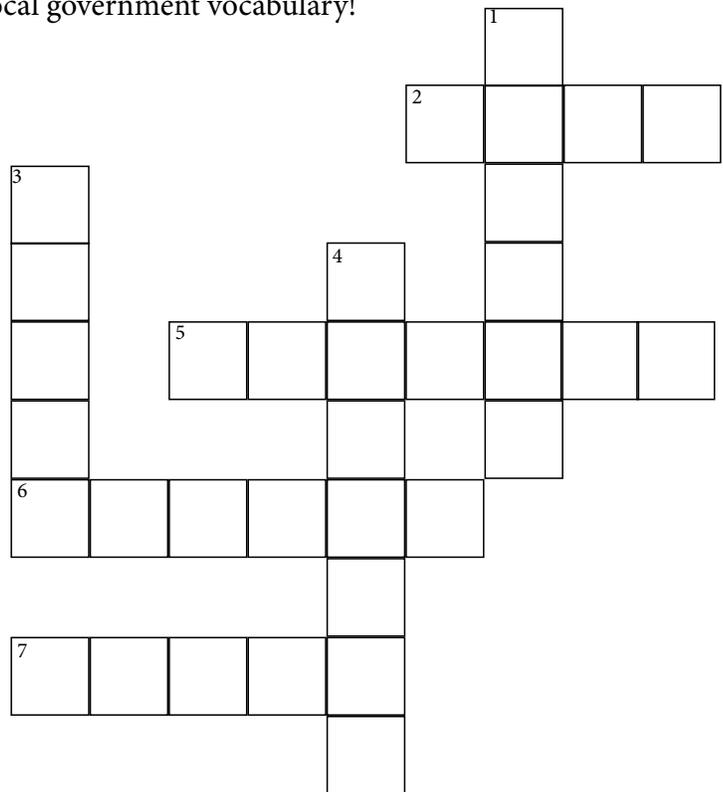
The number of voting districts in my city is:

My district is number:

The commissioner for my district is:



Complete the crossword below for more local government vocabulary!



Down:

1. action taken on the part of government
3. green spaces where kids play and explore nature
4. traditions and lifestyles that make groups of people unique

Across:

2. a citizen voicing their choice on public matters
5. people elected to represent the community
6. a sense of security felt by low crime & community respect
7. the person who leads the city council

Bonus Trivia!

How many forms of local government are there? Can you name them all?

People who work for local government have awesome and important jobs.

Can you find all the local government workers and departments below?

T C P N J H N R O L G S E B C
 S K M D B F E V I B M S S J O
 Y O R Y Y T L B V K E R B R N
 L F V E A C R M U S E U M S S
 A V E W L A N H B N C V F U T
 N N Z B R C R E O U Q S Y S R
 A V F I R E F I G H T E R S U
 I U A J T I S U L R O Y A M C
 N N K U B S S B U U E S G P T
 Y I G N I L C Y C E R M B O I
 L I H M O H A X G L I U E L O
 U Y M O R S Z W A X D B E I N
 R O H M B A P L Y G F D X C G
 C C T P A R K S E E R X M E S
 S F G Z X T Q T D W R T A P A

ANALYST
 BUDGET
 CLERK
 COMMISSIONERS
 CONSTRUCTION
 EMERGENCY

FIREFIGHTERS
 LAWYER
 LIBRARIAN
 MAYOR
 MUSEUMS
 PARKS

POLICE
 RECYCLING
 SCHOOLS
 TRASH
 WATER

Bonus Challenge!

Pick one of the jobs or departments that interest you and find three websites on that job. What is the coolest thing someone in this role gets to do every day?

Laws

Laws are rules that everyone in a community must follow, including adults. Cities establish laws to make our communities better places to live, work, and play.

Can you think of some laws in your city?

Crack the code below to discover some common laws in your community.

CODE BOX															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
O	M	H	T	E	S	G	P	A	D	R	C	I	L	N	U

Clue: What is an example of a Traffic Law?

6	8	5	5	10		14	13	2	13	4	6				

Clue: What is an example of a Property Law?

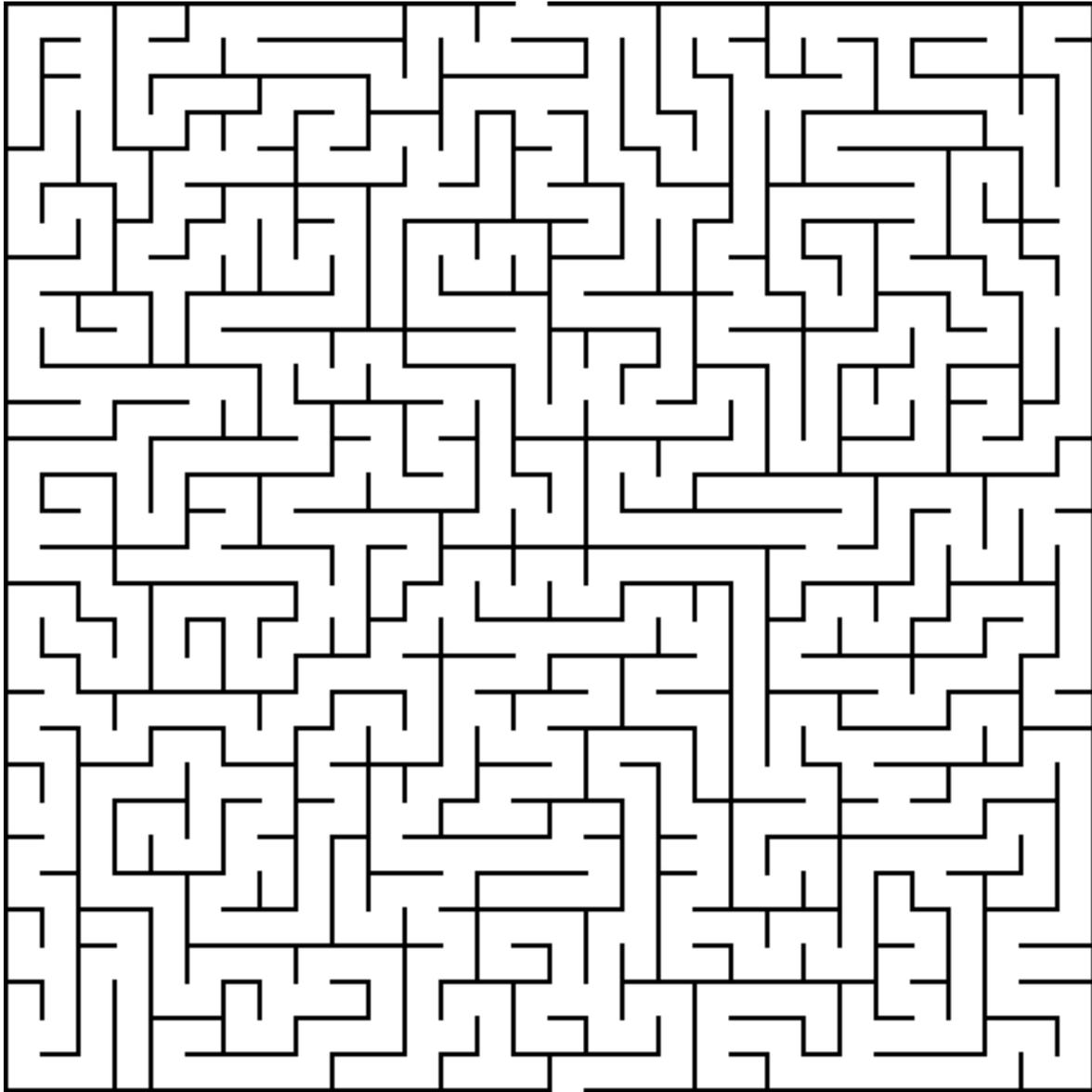
10	1		15	1	4		6	4	5	9	14				

Clue: What is an example of a Personal Liberty Law?

10	1		15	1	4		3	16	11	4		1	4	3	5	11	6

Local Government Values

In Local Government, you must choose your path by using values as your guides. Think about your own values as you find your way through the maze below!



The four core values of local government are:

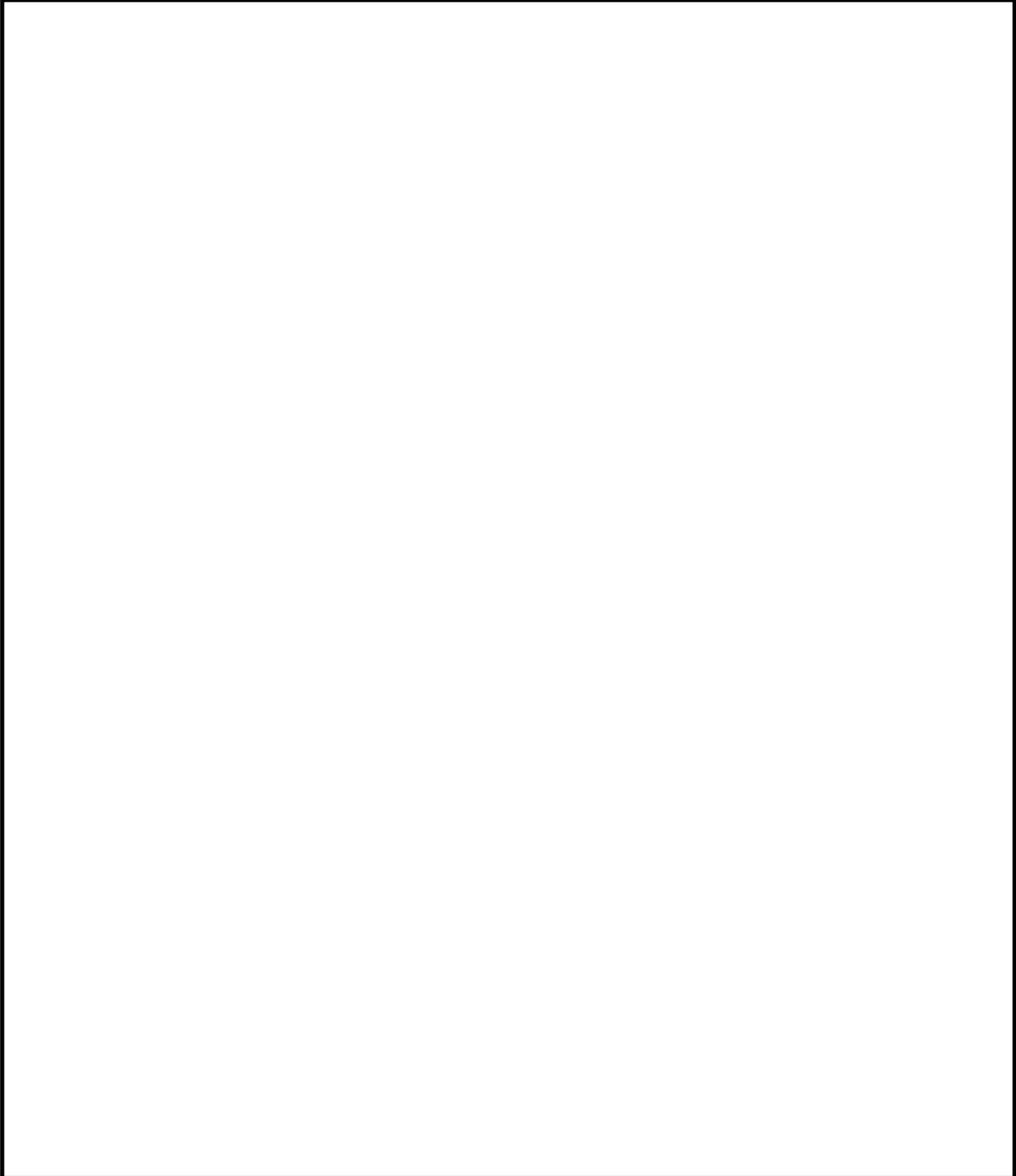
1. Equity
2. Efficiency
3. Individual Rights
4. Representation

Bonus Challenge!

Pick one of these values, and do some form of art (draw, paint, cartoon, video, writing, zine) to explain how you understand it and what it means to you.

What I Like About My City

**Draw your favorite part of the city
where you live!**



BONUS CHALLENGE!

Write your answers to the bonus challenge questions found on pages 4, 5, and 7.

Page 4: List the basic forms of local Government:

Page 5:

The Job/Department that interest me is:

My three websites for this job/department are:

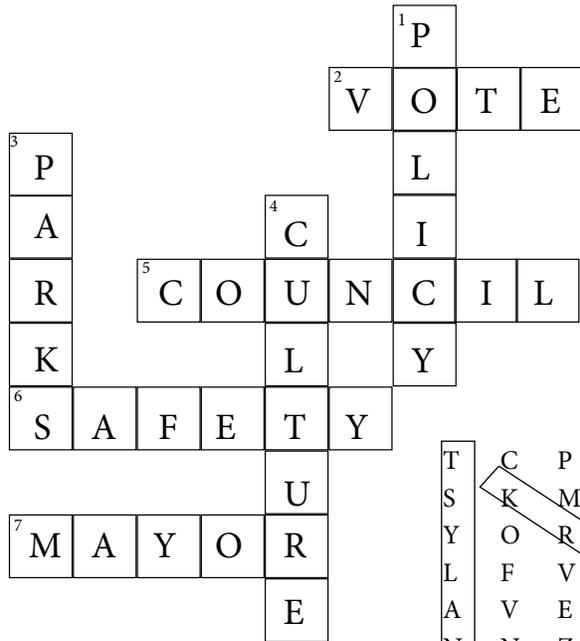
The Coolest thing this job/department does on a daily basis is:

Page 7:

The Local government value that I chose is:

This is what this value means to me and how I understand it (note any art work you did to explain it):

ANSWER KEY

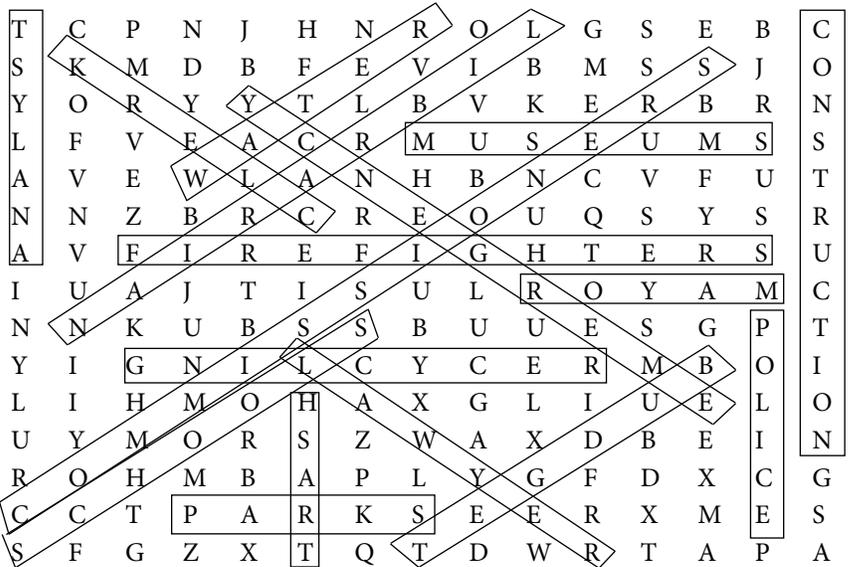


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Bonus Trivia Answer:

There are 4 Basic forms of government:

1. Mayor - Council
2. Commission
3. Council - Manager
4. Unified Government



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MORE FUN & GAMES

Dear Teachers, Parents and Students of all ages,

Thank you for completing this activity book and we hope you had fun learning about cities!

This activity book is only one part of the League's Youth Civic Education Program.

We invite you to explore all the League has to offer on civic education!

For more Resources, Lesson Plans, and Online games visit:

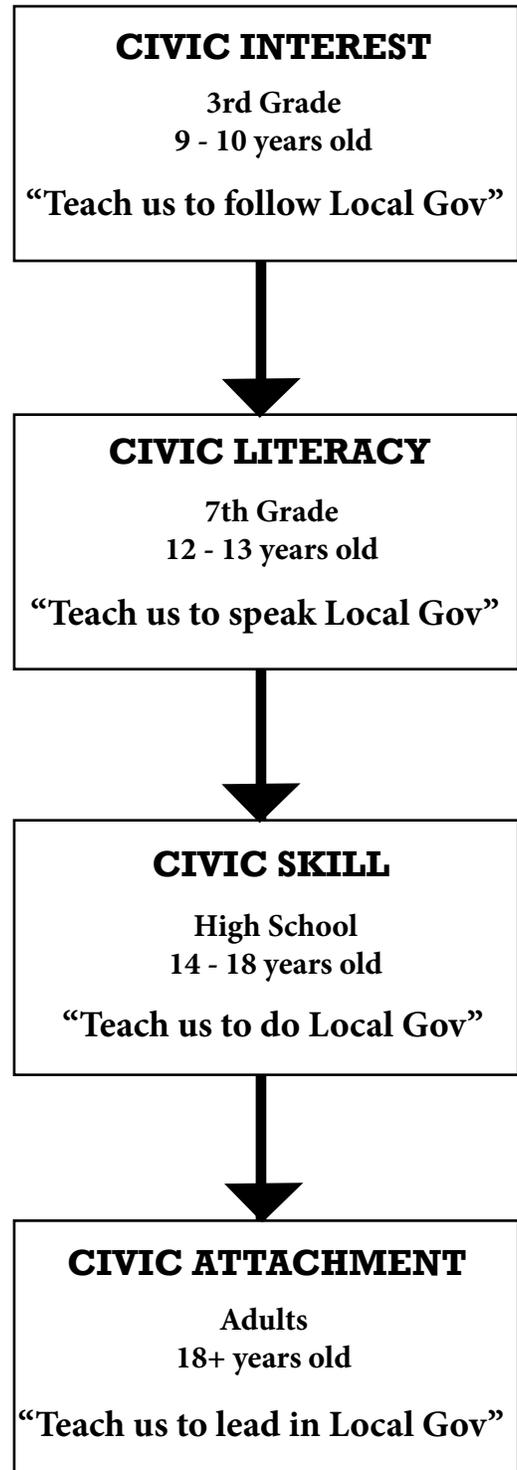
www.lkm.org/youtheducation

Along with this activity book, The League offers:

- A civic learning path (Featured at right)
- Three lesson plans for third, seventh and high school aged students including discussion points and online resources.
- A Civic Resource Guide with online resources and games
- A writing contest for seventh grade with seven winners chosen
- An instagram video challenge for high school
- A "Local Government in Kansas" Primer

COMING SOON!

Learning materials and training for succession planning. See our *Filling the Empty Seats: How to inspire the next generation of public leaders.*





Supporting Kansas Cities

A Trusted Voice for Kansas Cities Working to Strengthen Our State.

The League of Kansas Municipalities is a membership association that advocates on behalf of cities, offers training and guidance to city appointed and elected officials, and has a clear purpose of strengthening Kansas communities. Since 1910, the League has been a resource for cities across Kansas and has acted as a body to share ideas, facilitate communication between members, and provide information on best practices in city operations.

Our 500+ member cities consist of both the largest communities and the smallest cities. The League is governed by members through a governing body of elected officials and city-appointed staff.

The League Advocates for Cities

The League advocates on our membership's behalf to sponsor and encourage beneficial legislation for cities and oppose legislation that would be detrimental to our member's interest.

The League Offers Guidance

Member cities can contact the League with a legal inquiry or question. Additionally, we provide sample ordinances and guidance on legislation and rulemakings from both the state and federal levels.

Contract Services

The League offers members a discounted rate to have the League engage in contract services, which include codification services, executive personnel search program (LEAPS), and personnel policies.

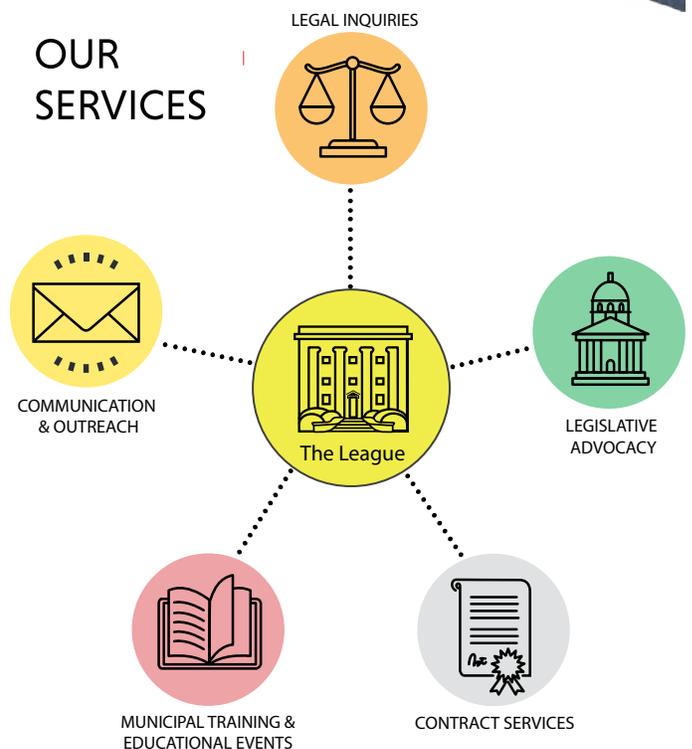
Communications & Outreach

Since 1914, the League has published the *Kansas Government Journal*, a publication for city, county, and state government officials that is printed ten times a year. The League publishes a weekly e-newsletter, researches municipal issues affecting Kansas communities and develops programs for cities to use to engage their residents and reinforce the importance of civic engagement.

Municipal Training & Education

The League offers members the ability to communicate and converse in an environment that encourages collaboration. The League offers members a variety of education and training opportunities throughout the year. Our annual conference brings together leaders in municipal government to offer innovative ideas for cities. Throughout the year, the League works with professionals in the field to train, inspire and solve problems facing municipal leaders at all levels. The League also offers over 30 manuals and publications on municipal issues ranging from finance/budgeting, personnel and planning.

OUR SERVICES



625 incorporated cities in Kansas

82% of Kansas' population lives in cities
(2.4M people)

