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GET OUT THE VOTE

In less than one week, Kansans will go to the polls to vote in the first fall elections for local government positions. At the League, we're committed to engaging voters and encourage voting in elections. Here's some important links to use as you prepare to vote this November 7:

Advance Voting: Apply for an advance voting ballot [online](#). You must return the form to your County Election Office. Requests for advance voting ballots are due to your County Election office by October 31.

Find Your Polling Location: If you have registered to vote, find out where to vote [online](#).

Check Your Voting Registration: If you have registered to vote, [go online](#) to check your registration info and see a sample ballot.

Bring Your ID: You must bring approved forms of identification to the polls. Find out what identification is approved in Kansas [online](#).

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS & FIREARMS

For most cities, the exemption from the adequate security measures required to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun into a public building will be ending on December 31, 2017 or January 1, 2018 (review your documents to determine when your four-year exemption ends). Once the exemption ends, the city will be required to remove its current signs prohibiting concealed carry unless the city has armed personnel with a metal detector at each public entrance.



Open Carry

If the city would like to prohibit the open carry of firearms into public buildings, this can be done by instructing staff to purchase and post the "no open carry" signs as approved by the Attorney General. These signs, along with instructions for proper placement, can be found [online](#). Please keep in mind, K.S.A. 12-16, 124 prohibits cities and counties from passing ordinances, resolutions or regulations related to firearm ownership, storage or carrying. It is the opinion of the League that any instruction by the governing body to place the no open carry signs be done by some action other than ordinance, resolution or regulation.



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Temporary No Concealed Carry

If the governing body would like to prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns in a public building on a limited basis, that can be done. For example, if the city would like to prohibit the carrying of open and concealed carry into city hall during council meetings, this can be done by providing armed security with metal detector wands at the public entrance. The no concealed carry sign would need to be properly posted and the armed officer would need to wand everyone before they enter the building. After the meeting, the no concealed carry sign would need to be removed. If this is going to be done, it will also be important to be sure all other entrances are secured and the public can only enter through the one door where armed security is present.

Contact Deputy General Counsel, Eric Smith, with questions via [e-mail](#). [Download our infographic](#).

"IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD..."

The League of Kansas Municipalities invites 7th grade students in Kansas to participate in the "If I Were Mayor" Contest! The contest asks 7th grade students to write a memo on how they would improve their community by responding to the prompt, "If I were mayor, I would...".

The deadline for the contest is November 18, 2017. Memos will be evaluated based on understanding of city services, creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, and proper grammar. All of the materials for the contest can be [downloaded at our website](#).



Five regional winners receive a cash prize of \$125. The sixth regional winner will represent the state of Kansas and receive a \$250 cash prize. Winning memos will be published in the Kansas Government Journal. Winners and their teacher are invited to Topeka for a special ceremony with local leaders and state legislators on January 24, 2018. For more information, please contact [Tami Martin](#) at (785) 354-9565.

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MTI: SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CITIES (ELECTIVE)

The League is offering a new Municipal Training Institute course for cities to examine and discuss issues surrounding social media use for cities and municipalities. This course will review policy issues for cities including a basic social media policies and terms of use for external audiences as well as a discussion on policy considerations for employees and elected officials. The course will also provide in-depth discussion and review of social media best practices including current technology, platforms and applications including:

- Strategic messaging to engage audiences;
- Creating editorial calendars and content management;
- Developing graphics and video for social media; and
- Tips on how to use low-to-no-cost applications for scheduling, advertising, and planning.



We encourage the following city officials attend this course: city managers/administrators, city attorneys, city clerks, elected officials and those responsible for posting social media for cities. This course will be taught by Amanda Stanley, Legal Counsel and Megan Gilliland, Communications & Education Manager, both with the League of Kansas Municipalities. The course will be taught in two locations: November 30 in Tonganoxie and December 1 in Girard. The MTI will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost to attend this course is \$75 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. The course has been submitted for IIMC credit. [Register online for this event.](#)

WEBINAR: TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL GOVERNING BODY TRANSITION

Many municipalities will welcome new faces on the governing body in the coming months. Creating a governing body orientation program or packet can help lay the groundwork for a successful transition for elected officials – both new and experienced. An orientation program can help determine the roles within the organization, explain legally required procedures, and educate governing body members about ongoing and existing city projects/programs. Providing a comprehensive orientation program can help new elected officials determine their role and balance the demands of public service with their private life as a resident.

Who should participate: This course is developed for city managers/administrators, city clerks, city attorneys and elected officials seeking ideas for orientation procedures. Webinar Registration is required ahead of time (limited to 100 participants). Webinar cost is \$25 for member cities, \$35 for non-member cities. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 12 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. [Register online.](#)

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR AVIATION FUELS ACTION PLAN

The following information is furnished at the request of the Kansas Department of Revenue as a reminder of the December 8, 2017 filing date for state and local action plans under the FAA's airport revenue policy. All questions should be directed to [Mark Beshears](#) with KDOR, (785) 296-4555. League staff placed a [notice from KDOR about this issue](#) and a [sample action plan](#) on our website.

KDHE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN FUND

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment are currently requesting project submittals for public water supply system infrastructure improvements to be considered for low-interest loan financing through the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF). Projects must be submitted by December 31, 2017. Loan information can be found [online](#).

Projects that return a non-compliant water system to compliance in regards to MCL requirements (excluding TOC removal), projects that remove lead pipe, or projects that will consolidate water systems will be eligible to receive loans that provide up to 30% principal forgiveness, if funds are available. Contact William J. Carr, KPWSLF Administrator, at (785) 296-0735 with questions.

KDOT FAST ACT GUARDRAIL TRAINING MATERIALS

KDOT recently hosted a class called FAST ACT Guardrail Training. The materials for this class have been made [available online](#). Contact Tod Salfrank, KDOT Assistant Bureau Chief, Bureau of Local Projects, at (785) 368-7396 if you have questions about the training.