



**MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
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DUES STATEMENT
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS
July 3, 2018

Municipality: Chesterfield

Dues Amount: \$7122

Please send your check to: Municipal League of Metro St. Louis
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Due Date: August 31, 2018

This statement is for the League's fiscal year: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

This will be the fourth consecutive year without a dues increase.

Thank you for your continued support of League activities.



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Annual Report of League Activities and Dues Statement

DATE: July 16, 2018
FROM: Pat Kelly, Executive Director

Dear Members:

2017-18 was very busy and quite productive, with a great deal of involvement by local officials in many of the projects noted below. I want to take this opportunity to share some of the work we did on your behalf and reflect on some of the successful efforts that will benefit our member municipalities and the region as a whole.

Police Standards - Working with the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association and St. Louis Area City Management Association we helped develop a set of best practices for municipal police departments. The League members unanimously approved the policy statement and amended the bylaws to require member cities with municipal police departments to adopt the agreement as a condition of membership. Included in the police statement is the requirement that the departments will be accredited or certified by 2022. For those municipalities with their own police department, we have included in this mailing a SLAPCA agreement verification form that we asked to be signed by a municipal representative and returned to the League office by mail, fax (314-726-1520) or email (staff@stlmuni.org) at your earliest convenience.

Statewide Election on St. Louis City and County Governmental Structure - 57 municipalities and St. Louis County Council adopted resolutions opposing a statewide vote on the governmental structure of St. Louis City and County. This led to Representative Dogan and Senator Schupp filing joint resolutions during the legislative session opposing statewide votes on local issues. Representative Dogan has indicated he will file the resolution earlier next session in hopes of bring it to the floor for a vote.

Newsletter - We launch a new newsletter in January. In doubling the size, we were able to add more informational articles, an associate member spotlight, municipal news and advertisements.

Summer Institute - In June, we held the first of three half-day training opportunities for elected officials and municipal staff called the Summer Institute. Working with East-West Gateway, we surveyed elected officials and city staff to see what types of programs we could offer to help them as local leaders and in their daily job performance. The first session included speakers from the Missouri Ethics Commission and the Attorney General's Office. The next two programs are entitled; "Communications and Social Media Best Practices" and "Public Sector Leadership."

100 Year Celebration - July 17, 2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the League. More than 250 members attended the Leagues Installation and Anniversary dinner in May. Clarence Anthony, Executive Director of the National League of Cities, was the key note speaker. Former County Executive Charlie Dooley received the annual Buzz Westfall award for Excellence in Local Government and Senator Gina Walsh accepted the first annual award for Friends of Local Government.

Legislative Session

During this year's session, 2,328 bills and resolutions were filed. Of those, a total of 153 were truly agreed to and finally passed which doubles the number passed in 2017. Although there was a significant amount of controversy this session because of allegations against the Governor, the House and Senate found a way to work together to accomplish several priorities. Those priorities included education, health care, transportation, labor, tax, and utility ratemaking. In

Sunshine Law – HB 2523 would have expanded the Attorney General's authority to investigate Sunshine law violations and created an Office of Transparency within the AG's office. It also would have significantly increases the fines for violating the law.

Building Permits - HB 1519 preempted building permit process and would have deemed permits approved if not acted upon in five days in addition to a municipalities being assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty for each violation.

Business/Occupation License Preemption - HB 1587 restricted municipalities from adopting any new business/occupation license requirements and fees. Capped existing fees to \$25.

Lobbyist gift ban/term limits – SJR 27 if passed would have asked the voters to approve a ballot measure to ban lobbyist gifts to elected officials and also would have changed the current term limit requirements.

Short-term Rentals - HB 2457 prohibits municipalities from imposing a fee or enacting an ordinance that prohibits short-term residential dwelling rentals.

Residential Inspections - HB 1510 prohibits municipalities from adopting or enforcing a residential property licensing ordinance that includes a requirement for periodic interior inspections of privately-owned residential property.

Autonomous Vehicles SB 811 - Prohibits municipalities from levying taxes and requirements on self-driving vehicles.

Legal Issues:

Internet Sales Tax - In June, the US Supreme Court ruled that states could collect interstate sales taxes. We are currently waiting for a report from the Missouri Department of Revenue to determine the next steps to implement collection. There are some opinions that because of the Supreme Court's ruling the use tax would not be required to collect the taxes.

Municipal Court Automation - The Missouri Supreme is implementing a new court automation system for all municipal courts in addition to additional accounting procedures. The municipalities must absorb the cost of the upgrades which is causing some to consider merging courts or turning over the court authority to the County.

Century Link Tax Case - The case is currently at the trial court for a ruling on linear fees in the right-of-way. This is not a class action case, but could affected phone company taxes paid to cities. Local officials should have their city attorneys review the case.

Sales Tax Pool Challenge - Chesterfield has appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court a circuit ruling that upheld the countywide one cent sales tax distribution. The case will most likely be heard later this year.