

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

December 2020

National Civic League accepting applications for 2021 All-America City Award

DENVER – The National Civic League is accepting applications for the 2021 All-America City Award. The 2021 theme is *“Building Equitable and Resilient Communities.”*

This year’s awards will recognize communities that have worked to improve equity and resilience. Equity is the fabric that allows communities to achieve broad-based economic prosperity and other goals. Resilience enables communities to face challenging times by not only preserving what makes their community great but adapting and growing stronger. Both qualities depend on inclusive civic engagement.

The need for equity and resilience has become more obvious in 2020, as communities have dealt with a global pandemic and racial bias incidents in law enforcement. Those communities with more equity and resilience have been more successful in combatting the pandemic and making the needed changes to improve the racial equity of law enforcement and other city services.

All-America City applicants for 2021 will be asked to discuss the strength of their civic capital – the formal and informal relationships, networks and capacities they use to make decisions and solve problems – and to provide examples of community-driven projects that have adapted and transformed the community to be more equitable and resilient.



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“Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year.”

The National Civic League views civic engagement as more than presenting information or having people respond to questionnaires (though both are important); instead, we promote efforts that seek to listen to, and learn from, residents in ongoing conversations and leverage those insights to shape the way programs are administered, designed and executed.

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"The All-America City Awards offer an opportunity for community stakeholders to come together to share and celebrate the programs and projects that make their homes great places to live. Applicants consistently note that the process leaves them feeling a sense of pride in their community and motivation to tackle the tough issues that persist," Rebecca Trout, All-America City Award Director, said. "The League has the privilege to bring these communities together to share their innovative programs on a national stage to help others make their communities more equitable and resilient."

Started in 1949, the All-America City Award program has recognized 500 communities that excel in collaborating to address pressing problems in the community. Described by George H. Gallup as the "Nobel Prize for constructive citizenship," the award celebrates exemplary grassroots community problem-solving and honors communities that have united to achieve stunning results.

In Nebraska, 11 communities have won the All-America City Award. You can view the full list of winners on the NCL website.

3 communities increase local sales tax rate

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, the local sales and use tax rate for Gordon, Greeley and Juniata will each increase from 1 percent to 1.5 percent. The current list of all cities and counties that impose a local sales and use tax as of Jan. 1, 2021 is available on the Department of Revenue's website at revenue.nebraska.gov.



Building Equitable
and Resilient
Communities

The application can be downloaded at (<https://www.nationalcivicleague.org/america-city-award/how-to-apply/>) and is due Feb. 10, 2021.

The All-America City Award (AAC) is given each year by the National Civic League (NCL) to 10 communities in recognition of their outstanding civic accomplishments. The award spurs communities to use innovative approaches to create stronger connections between residents and nonprofit and government leaders. The AAC Award celebrates those efforts and becomes a platform for sharing innovation, inspiration and insight with other communities throughout the country.

About: Founded in 1894, the National Civic League is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance civic engagement to achieve thriving, equitable communities. Based in Denver, the League offers a variety of services to local governments, including the National Civic Review, Model City Charter and Civic Index. The National Civic League also operates the program for the All-America City Awards, which over 500 communities have won since 1949, and provides one-on-one technical assistance to communities.



NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
League of Nebraska Municipalities



TO: All Municipal Clerks and Deputy Clerks

FROM: Erin Saathoff, CMC, NMCA Secretary

The Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association Membership Dues Statement for October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 is now due.

Please fill out the form on the next page and send it with your check to the League of Municipalities. Remember the check needs to be made out to the *Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association (NMCA)*.

The NMCA voted not to send out membership cards, unless you need one. Please indicate that you will need a card on the statement and we will do our best to get you one. Also reminding all Clerks that you have to be a member of the NMCA to be eligible for scholarships.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the City of Beatrice, (402) 228-5228 or esaathoff@beatrice.ne.gov

Thank you!

Erin Saathoff, CMC
NMCA Secretary



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MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT
2020-2021

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MUNICIPALITY: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Population of Municipality:

Under 300	\$20.00	_____
301-800	\$25.00	_____
801-5,000	\$35.00	_____
Over 5,000	\$45.00	_____

Years of Service as Municipal Clerk: _____

Are you a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC)? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC)? Yes _____ No _____

Are you an IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks) Member? Yes _____ No _____

MONTH and DAY of your birthday (to be listed in the Clerks Newsletter): _____

Please make copies if needed.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES
1335 L STREET
LINCOLN, NE 68508

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

Legislative Resources

The Legislature will begin the 2021 session Jan. 6, at 10 a.m. Here are a few resources for you to use to follow legislative action: Visit <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/> to:

- learn about and contact a Senator
- find the status of bills and resolutions
- research statutes
- view the legislative calendar
- find legislative documents and reports
- watch live coverage of floor debate and committee hearings
- order legislative publications
- browse the Nebraska Blue Book
- learn about the history of unicameralism

To find the status of a bill or resolution by telephone:

- Legislative Hot Line (V/TTY) - Lincoln: 402-471-2709
- Legislative Hot Line - Nebraska, outside Lincoln: 800-742-7456



File photo of George W. Norris Legislative Chamber.

To write a letter to a Senator, include the Senator's name and district number in the address:

(SENATOR'S NAME)
(DISTRICT #)
NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 94604
LINCOLN, NE 68509-4604

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Kahrs	Franklin	1/1
Holli Dale	Beemer	1/1
Kelli Dickes	Madison	1/2
Cynthia Heilbrun	Sidney	1/3
Ronnie Harding	Bartley	1/4
Corinne Zahn	Unidilla	1/4
Kayla Eisenmenger	Oakland	1/7
Kendra Jantzen	Adams	1/9
Kimberly Finecy	Doniphan	1/10
Miarianna Evans	Duncan	1/10
Kandra Kinne	Cambridge	1/11
Kellie Crowell	Ravenna	1/13
Pat Walz	Hershey	1/19
Lisa Archer	Marquette	1/19
Lora Johnson	Schuyler	1/20
Carl Elzinic	St. Edward	1/20



Caitlin Collier	Maskell	1/21
Brianna Duerst	Norfolk	1/22
Gary Swartz	Malmo	1/22
Betty McGuire	Wayne	1/22
Ashley Manning	Wood River	1/26
Shelby Morrison	Hershey	1/27
June Moline	Mead	1/29

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

JANUARY 2021

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

Each month.....	Clerk publishes ordinances passed within 15 days after passage. (16-405)
Within 10 working days from meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner).....	Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
First Regular Meeting.....	Mayor and Council appoint member of Park Board. (16-696)
Within 30 days from Council meeting.....	Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting. (19-1102)
Within 20 days after end of month.....	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
On or before January 31	Provide county assessor each new lease or changed preexisting lease which went into effect during the previous year and a listing of previously reported leases that are still in effect. (77-202.11)
Each Quarter	Report from depository banks due. (16-714)
Reminder.....	Notice of automatic renewal of liquor and beer other than Class C licenses must be published between January 10 and January 30 of each year. (53-135.01)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

Each month.....	Clerk publishes ordinances passed within 15 days after passage (17-613)
Within 10 working days from meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner)	Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
Within 30 days from Council meeting	Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting. (19-1102)
Within 20 days after end of month.....	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
On or before January 31	Provide county assessor each new lease or changed preexisting lease which went into effect during the previous year and a listing of previously reported leases that are still in effect. (77-202.11)
Reminder.....	Notice of automatic renewal of liquor and beer other than Class C licenses must be published between January 10 and January 30 of each year. (53-135.01)

VILLAGES

Each month.....	Clerk publishes ordinances passed within 15 days after passage (17-613)
Within 10 working days from meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner)	Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
Within 30 days from Trustees' meeting.....	Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting. (19-1102)
Within 20 days after end of month.....	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
On or before January 31	Provide county assessor each new lease or changed preexisting lease which went into effect during the previous year and a listing of previously reported leases that are still in effect. (77-202.11)
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