

# KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES 2024 Legislative Agenda

The KLC Board of Directors, which is made up of 68 city officials and organizations that represent cities, voted on the top priorities for the 2024 legislative session. The Board has stressed the importance of protecting cities' abilities to annex, modernizing city revenue options, and fixing the state's road funding formula. The Kentucky League of Cities legislative team looks forward to working with legislators on passing issues that support Kentucky cities.

## Annexation

**Priority 1)** Kentucky must ensure cities continue to have the option to grow and develop by protecting their ability to annex property, especially when consensual by a property owner.

## Revenue Diversification

**Priority 2)** Kentucky must equalize and modernize city revenue options. Modernization is the key to paying for the vital services that Kentuckians and businesses deserve and expect.

## Road Funding Formula

**Priority 3)** Kentucky needs to modernize the state's antiquated road funding formula to ensure a fair portion of motor fuel taxes is distributed to cities and a portion of electric vehicle charges are provided to local governments.

## Substance Abuse

Continue an active position to support legislation that addresses the criminal aspects of drug trafficking and substance abuse that have led to the state's drug epidemic while also focusing on treatment, rehabilitation, training, and workforce reentry.

## CERS Administration

Monitor the independence and administration of CERS to ensure the local pension system continues to operate efficiently and in the best interest of employers and members. Monitor KPPA administrative expenses and operations.

## Alcohol Regulatory License Fee Equity

Expand the authority to all cities to collect the alcohol regulatory license fee rather than cities below 20,000 population.

## Property Tax Notification

Require property valuation administrators (PVAs) to send updated ownership information to cities and owners rather than just owners as of Jan. 1.

## Franchise Agreements

Create penalties for utilities that fail to enter into a franchise agreement with cities and reduce the time limit for rebidding franchises.

## Paramedic & EMT Training

Continue working with KBEMS to modernize its approach of certifying paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to make it easier to recruit qualified candidates.



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**Notification to Cities of Environmental Violations**

Require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to notify cities any time it issues a notice of violation to a private entity operating within the boundaries of the municipality.

**Impact of Remote Work on Local Occupational License Tax Receipts**

Explore avenues to modernize the law to help rectify the shift to remote work and its impact on revenues.

**Planning & Zoning Training**

Support an amendment seeking to reduce the training requirements for members and staff serving on planning commissions and boards of adjustments.

**Transient Room Taxes from Web-Based Platforms**

Oppose the centralization of local transient room tax revenue collections and support forced compliance of web-based platforms, such as Airbnb, with state law.

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF)**

Search for a permanent solution for the lifetime of the impacted TIF agreements that only received temporary relief in the 2023 Regular Session (House Bill 360).

**Disaster Response Funds**

Provide accountability for emergency management programs by requiring city executive authorities to sign emergency operations plans and participate in quarterly reviews of programs that receive state funds.

Amend state statutes to allow cities to directly request state supplementary and federal funds instead of going through the county.

**Planned Unit/ Homeowners Association**

Seek legislation to help cities address when homeowners associations go defunct or planned unit documents do not adequately cover the maintenance of common areas.

**Voluntary Training**

Seek an amendment to the statute regarding voluntary training, as deemed necessary, to elected officials such as mayors, council members, commissioners, etc.

**KYTC Road Work Notice**

Require the KY Transportation Cabinet to notify cities of road work within cities; require utility companies to notify cities of any roadblocks, work, or closures within the city.

**Municipal Utilities**

Amend KRS 96.750 increasing the amount a municipal utility board member can be paid from \$2,400 to \$4,800 annually, and KRS 96.780 increasing the amount to \$40,000 (from \$20,000) of a contract executed by a utility supervisor. Both apply to those operating under the Little TVA Act.

**Newspaper Publication**

Modernize publication laws to permit cities of all sizes to only publish advertisements and to post full documents on their websites.

**Aquatic Health Code**

Revoke recent regulation changes to the model aquatic health code.

