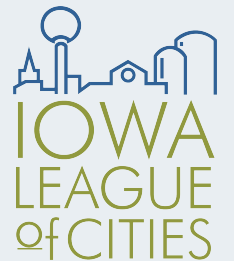

IMFOA Fall Conference

League of Cities Government Affairs Updates

Chelsea Hoyer, *Director of Government Affairs*

Cody Carlson, *Manager of Government Affairs*

October 17, 2025



2025 New Laws of Interest

- Public Notice Alignment *League of Cities legislative priority*
- Open Records Training & Penalties
- DEI Office Prohibition
- Cancer Presumption Expansion
- Fireworks Preemption
- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP)

Interim Work

DOGE Committee Work

- The League met with DOGE committee members to offer suggestions beneficial to local governments
 - Several League priorities were featured in publicly discussed DOGE suggestions
- Strong public backlash to some initial DOGE suggestions will shape what Gov's office may pursue legislatively from final report

Interim Fire Study

- The League appointed Mike Gentosi, Captain in Urbandale FD, and Ken Schoenthaler, mayor of Donahue, to sit on interim committee

Research Projects

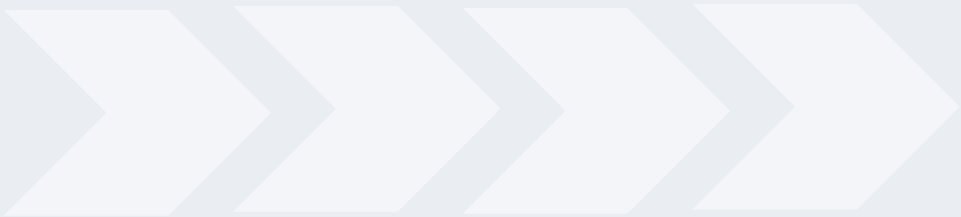
- Hired full-time Policy & Data Analyst–Katie Herbert
- Kicked off Economic Impact Study–currently expected to be completed by December

Legislative Landscape



- **Legislative Chamber Leadership Changes**
 - **Rep. Bobby Kaufmann elected to serve as House Majority Leader**
 - **Rep. Carter Nordman appointed to new role as Chair of Ways & Means committee**
 - **Rep. Brooke Boden appointed to new role as Chair of Local Gov. committee**
 - **Sen. Mike Klimesh elected to serve as Senate Majority Leader**
 - **We do not expect changes in Senate Ways & Means or Local Gov. committees but awaiting official announcement from Senate leadership**
- **Governor Kim Reynolds entering her “lame-duck” session after announcing her decision to not run again in April**
 - **This adds complexity to Governor’s priority legislation**

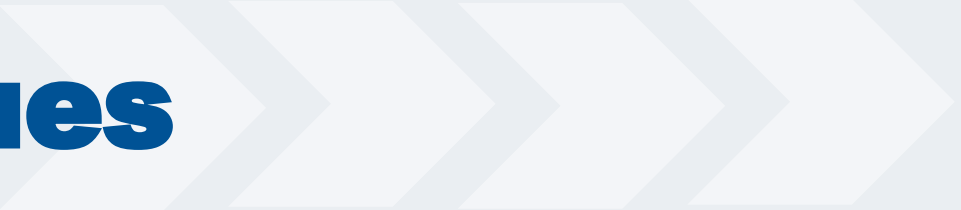
2026 Session Timetable



Legislative Session Timeline



2026 Legislative Issues



- **Property Taxes**
 - Stated focus of Governor Reynolds and Legislature
 - Modifications to TIF possible
- **DOGE Suggestions**
 - League met with DOGE task force members to offer suggestions of Local Government efficiencies
 - Some League suggestions were taken
 - Report to Governor due end of September
 - Currently unclear how public these recommendations will be/how many will actually become legislative proposals
- **Other Issues**
 - Eminent domain, education, etc.

2026 League Priorities



- **Driving the Conversation - League-Initiated Policy Proposals**
 - Sidewalk Maintenance and Liability Reform
 - Improving the Taxpayer Notice Form
 - Digital Modernization of Public Notice Requirements
 - Public Safety Partnerships for Small Communities
- **Shaping the Conversation - League-Shaped Fiscal Initiatives**
 - Thoughtful, Predictable Property Tax Reform
 - Protecting Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Get Involved in Advocacy!

Join the League's Legislative Champions Cohort

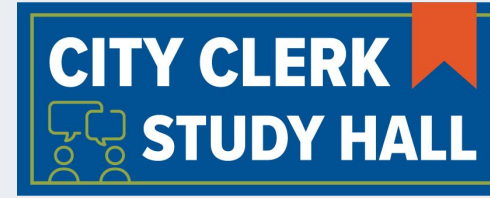
- Meets Bi-weekly during legislative session for updates from the Government Affairs team
- Receives suggestions from Government Affairs team on how to build relationships and advocate with your local lawmaker



Mark your Calendars for
the League's Local
Leaders Day
March 4, 2026



Upcoming Workshops



City Finance 101:

- October 30 | Olewein

Budget Workshops

- November 5 | Cedar Falls
- November 12 | Lake View
- November 13 | Ottumwa
- November 18 | Atlantic
- November 20 | West Des Moines
- November 25 | *Virtual*

MLA Part 1

City Finance and Budgeting; Effective Council Meetings; Municipal Operations

- December 4 | Cherokee
- December 6 | Fairfield
- December 11 | Treynor
- December 13 | Manchester
- December 18 | *Virtual*
- December 20 | Johnston

City Hall Study Hall

- December 3 | *Virtual*



Questions?

