Reducing Alcohol Beverage Licensing Fees in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

By the League of Wisconsin Municipalities April 21, 2020

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has received many questions relating to whether municipalities may reduce alcohol beverage licensing fees for the upcoming 2020 licensing renewal period or take other steps to help restaurants and bars hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting "Safer-at-Home" order. Read the memo...

Act 185 - State Government Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

FAQs on Waiver of Interest on Late Property Tax Payments

The League's FAQs are here. (PDF)

Wisconsin Counties Association Supplemental FAQs (PDF)

<u>Wisconsin Counties Association Model Act 185 Waiver Resolution</u> (Word Doc will download to your computer.)

<u>DOR FAQs on property assessment and taxation during COVID-19 Pandemic, including changes made by Act 185 (PDF)</u>

Guidance on Board of Review Provision in Act 185, Including Sample Notice

The League has prepared an explanation of the Board of Review provision included in Act 185, which includes a sample public notice. Read the memo and sample notice <u>here</u>.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #23

April 15, 2020

Notice and Certificates of Election, Oaths, and New Terms

Read Claire Silverman's memo detailing the notice and certificates of election requirements, oaths and new terms <u>here</u>.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #20

April 8, 2020

How should a municipal utility contact the Public Service Commission to request to opt-in to waiving credit card fees for its customers during the COVID-19 emergency?

See the League's Utilities page here.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #15

April 1, 2020

How should a utility respond to a customer that informs the utility they've decided to defer the payment of their bills? How should a utility handle non-payment by a large customer (industrial)?

See the League's Utilities page here.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #13

March 30, 2020

Who is an "emergency responder" under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)? by the Federal Dept. of Labor See the League's website here under Federal.

Are employees of a local health department or agency considered "health care providers" that may be excluded from paid leave under the FFCRA? by the Federal Dept. of Labor See the League's website here under Federal.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #12

March 27, 2020

What's Considered "indefinitely confined" for absentee voting purposes? by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Paid Sick Leave and Family Medical Leave Related to COVID-19 by the Legislative Council

WI Dept. of Employee Trust Funds FAQs

From COVID-19 Newsletter #11

March 26, 2020

Emergency Order #12 Impact on Municipalities (PDF) by Steve Zach, Boardman & Clark LLP

Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
Sample Employee Policy and Guidance

See the League's website here under Federal.

Governor's Emergency Powers

The scope of Governor's emergency powers does not include suspending statutes. Read more about the Governor's emergency powers in this recent Legislative Council Information Memorandum on: <u>AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY</u>

From COVID-19 Newsletter #10

March 25, 2020

Impact on property assessment and taxation by DOR

See the League's website here.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #6

March 20, 2020

Summary of the recently enacted Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act

HR 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response **SUMMARY**

HR 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Paid Sick Leave

From COVID-19 Newsletter #5

March 19, 2020

Wisconsin Elections Commission's Latest Actions Regarding Spring Election Preparedness

Answer: See the League's website <u>here</u>.

Effect of DHS' Order #5 on Municipalities (Prohibitions on gatherings of 10 or more people)

Answer: See the League's website here.

Can Restaurants Providing Meals for Carry-out and Delivery Sell Alcohol?

Answer: See the League's website here.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #3

Municipal Emergency Powers During COVID-19

Answer: See the League's website <u>here</u>.

From COVID-19 Newsletter #2

Complying with the open meetings law during the COVID-19 health emergency.

Answer: See the League's website <u>here</u>. Includes Wis. Dept. of Justice guidance we received March 16, 2020.

Spending to address COVID-19 and the Expenditure Restraint Program.

Answer: See the League's website <u>here</u>. Includes guidance we received from the Wis. Dept. of Revenue on March 13, 2020.