



League Link

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ADVOCACY ACTION

Local Use of Radar Moves to the Full House

Senate Bill 607 was amended this week in the House Transportation Committee and voted out to the Full House. Several changes have been made to the bill. The most significant is that the bill limits the use of Radar or LIDAR to full-service departments and full-time officers. The League supported the amendment believing it was best to get the bill out of Committee. The issue of use by part-time departments and part-time officers will most likely be debated on the House Floor. All indications are that the bill will continue to move toward the Governor's desk. [Click here for the current version of Senate Bill 607.](#)

The League's Legislative Committee Needs Volunteers

Are you interested in legislation impacting local government in Pennsylvania? Do you have or want to establish a relationship with your Pennsylvania House and Senate members? Do you want to be more involved with The League? Then consider joining The League's Legislative Committee. We are especially in need of officials – elected or appointed – from our Northeast, Northwest and Southeast districts.

As a member of the committee, we ask that you read the Legislative Locator each month, participate in quarterly calls for legislative updates, attend the annual Capitol Conference, and communicate with your state legislators on various pieces of legislation.

Contact Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, at asturges@pml.org for more information.



THE LEAGUE'S LATEST

- **Executive Director's Report** – [Watch Rick Schuettler's](#) latest video as he discusses upcoming training opportunities and resources available for local government officials in light of the recent election.

THE LEAGUE'S LATEST (CONTINUED)

- Please welcome our **THREE** newest members to The League! – [Municipality of Bethel Park](#), Allegheny County; [Paxtang Borough](#), Dauphin County and [Reserve Township](#), Allegheny County. Welcome aboard!
- **Request for Newly Elected Officials information** – By now, each League member has received an email request (November 6) and probably received a phone call from League staff requesting information relevant to any newly elected officials in your municipality. If you have responded, thank you! If you haven't already done so, please take the time to provide contact information for your officials as well as any other updates/changes to your appointed staff so we can maintain the accuracy of our database. **You can enter your appointed and newly elected officials contact information by [clicking here](#)**. Contact Marcia Cavanagh (mcavanagh@pml.org) with any questions. Thank you!

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member communities titled, **Meet a Member!** This month's focus is on **DERRY TOWNSHIP!**

- **GrantFinder Assistance** – Do you need more hands on assistance than just finding grants to apply to? Are you a solo grant writer responsible for multiple department grant projects and submissions? Consider hiring the experts at GrantFinder to help you find, apply and submit grants. Retention services include – user subscriptions to Police GrantFinder; 1:1 Unlimited, personalized grant consulting from senior police grant consultants; unlimited application and narrative review by a team of experts; dedicated account management support team and 50% discount on grant writing services on a per project, per application basis. Want to learn more? [Click here to schedule a demo](#) with GrantFinder staff.
- **Message from PennPRIME Insurance** – Parking lots are more crowded than normal this time of year and risk of injury increases for pedestrians and drivers alike who admit to engaging in many different distractions that could lead to an accident. [Embrace these tips from the National Safety Council](#) targeted at drivers, pedestrians and lot owners towards the goal of reducing parking lot injuries. This resource has tips for general parking lot awareness, how to use technology to your advantage, safer backing and even how to choose the safest spot.
- **Save the Date! The Newly Elected Officials Orientation Program** will be held on January 31 – February 1, 2020 at the Wyndham Garden State College. Stay tuned, registration is opening soon!

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

- **Newly Elected Official Affidavits of Residency** – Prior to taking the Oath of Office, each newly elected official in a third class city, borough, or first class township, must present a signed affidavit to the city clerk, secretary, or manager attesting to continuous residency for one year preceding the individual's election. This affidavit is a qualification for office. [Click here to see the sections of](#)

[codes](#). Each municipality should reach out to its newly elected officials and provide notice of this requirement well in advance of January's swearing-in ceremonies. [Click here for a sample residency affidavit](#). Your solicitor should approve prior to its use.

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that **\$1.5 million in competitive grants will be awarded to 50 organizations working to address environmental justice issues in their communities**. Read the [press release here](#).
- **Governor Wolf Announces Veterans' Trust Fund Grant Opportunities** – The Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF) is accepting grant applications for programs and services benefiting Pennsylvania veterans. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) will award up to \$800,000 in VTF grants to non-profit organizations, veteran service organizations and county directors of veteran affairs across the state. Grant applications must be received no later than December 18. [Click here to learn more about the VTF and the grant application process](#).
- **The State and Local Legal Center is offering the following webinars**, which are FREE and open to anyone. Though they are all on legal topics, they are designed for a non-attorney audience: [Net Neutrality for State and Local Government Officials](#); [ADA Compliant Websites](#); and [WOTUS and Clean Water Act Update For State and Local Government Officials](#).

• **Pennsylvania Local government officials convened in San Antonio, Texas for the NLC City Summit** last week. There were mobile tours, workshops and general sessions with one purpose in mind, building stronger communities. Academy and Grammy-award winner Common gave his *Four Ways to Lead with Love*; comedian Jesus Trejo talked about splitting his time between his comedy career and caring for his aging parents, he told his powerful story and joined Title Sponsor AARP and Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson to talk about creating communities for all generations; Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, California unveiled the '*Leading Together 2020 Cities Agenda*,' a platform, plan and partnership for the 2020 presidential election and beyond, and we are proud to announce that Pennsylvania now has five representatives on the NLC Board of Directors – Norristown Councilwoman Valerie Scott Cooper, Easton Mayor Sal Panto, Philadelphia Councilmembers Brian O'Neill and Derek Green, and Executive Director Rick Schuettler.

