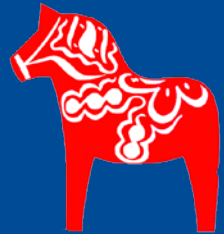


# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2017



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# 2017 PRIORITIES

1. **Home Rule.** Consistent with the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution approved by the voters in 1960
2. **Tax Lid Petition Process.** We support replacing the current tax lid law with a protest petition. The election process does not coordinate with municipal budget timelines, and the cost of elections will be excessive for the city.
3. **Utility Service & Natural Growth.** We support the current state electric utility service territory law. Municipalities must retain the authority to purchase, construct, or extend the infrastructure and public works necessary to supply the cities and their inhabitants with public utilities, including electric services. We support current statutes allowing cities' jurisdictional limits to change over time due to natural growth as allowed by state law.
4. **City Elections.** We support city elections remaining non-partisan and separate from state and federal elections.
5. **Historic Tax Credits.** We support the retention of historic tax credits. Historic tax credits have been instrumental in the redevelopment and maintenance of the thriving and vibrant downtown business district.

# 2017 PRIORITIES

6. **Tourism as an Economic Development Tool.** We support tourism as an economic development tool. Lindsborg recognized tourism as a viable and strong economic development tool in the 1960's. This has resulted in 40.7% of revenue being sales tax. A strong correlation exists between promotional resources and return on sales tax. Therefore, we encourage the State of Kansas to create a stronger commitment to the tourism promotion of Kansas.
7. **Abandoned and Blighted Structures.** We support legislation that streamlines and expedites the process for local governments, neighborhood organizations and private businesses to deal with the blight of abandoned, nuisance, and foreclosed housing, and commercial structures to protect the rights and property values of surrounding property owners.
8. **Narcan® Administration by Certified EMT's and Paramedics.** We support the administration of Narcan® by certified Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. Opioid abuse has grown to epidemic proportions in the United States. Most accidental overdoses occur in the home and are life threatening. Narcan® counteracts the life-threatening effects of opioid overdose. As first responders, the ability to administer this treatment will block the effects of the opioids on the brain and breathing sooner than treatment upon arrival at the emergency room.

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9. **Internet Sales Collections.** The inability of governments to collect local option sales or compensating use tax on remote sales continues to erode a viable and fair revenue source. We support state legislation establishing a program to help the state collect state and local sales and compensating use taxes due from in-state purchasers for out of state purchases. Remitted taxes should be distributed using existing methods/formulas for the state and local government.
10. **Water Vision.** We support the State's efforts to develop a 50-year water plan that protects and preserves municipal water supplies and resources. Development of the plan must involve municipal water suppliers who are responsible for providing safe and economical drinking water.
11. **Retail Wheeling/Deregulation.** We urge extreme caution in regards to potential deregulation of the state's electric industry. Characteristics of the Kansas electric industry and the experience of municipal utilities in retail wheeling states illustrates the significant risks and lack of cost savings.

# 2017 PRIORITIES

12. **Weapons and Firearms.** We support the ability of local governments to set policies regarding the carrying of weapons and firearms by municipal employees while they are engaged in their work. Absent repeal of the current concealed carry law, cities should be provided civil and criminal immunity from the action of employees not required to carry a weapon but who choose to carry a concealed weapon.
13. **Right of First Refusal.** We support efforts giving municipal utilities the ability to invest in new projects in order to provide reliable, affordable service to local customers. We oppose legislation that prohibits competition for transmission projects in Kansas while supporting the establishment of regional planning and cost allocation under FERC 1000.
14. **KPERS.** We support exemption for third party contractors from the rules governing working after retirement for KPERS participants.

