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Advocacy Action

Consumer Fireworks Model Ordinances

The amended Consumer Fireworks Law, [Act 74 of 2022](#), went into effect on September 9. To help our members utilize the new tools provided in Act 74, we are pleased to provide you with several model ordinances.

Under Section 1106 of the Act, any municipality may use an application and permitting process to grant permission to prospective consumer fireworks users. Section 1106 also contains a new provision allowing dense municipalities, where it is determined impossible to use fireworks in compliance with the 150-foot rule from any building or vehicle, to adopt an ordinance specifically prohibiting the use of consumer fireworks. Lastly, the Section contains language authorizing other possible ways to limit consumer fireworks, such as through a noise or nuisance ordinance.

If your municipality is interested in curbing consumer fireworks use, please discuss the various models with your solicitor to determine the best ordinance for your municipality.

- [Model 1](#) - provides a consumer fireworks permitting process
- [Model 2](#) - provides a consumer fireworks prohibition
- [Model 3](#) - provides a consumer fireworks permit by exception process

Please contact Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director – Advocacy, at asturges@pml.org with any questions.

PA Strategic Plan for Broadband

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority has developed a draft Strategic Plan for Broadband. The Commonwealth must adopt a strategic plan in order to be eligible for federal infrastructure funds to support broadband development in the state. The League has been asked to serve on the Outreach and Education Subcommittee in an effort to review, provide comments on and improve the draft plan. Please view the [draft Strategic Plan for Broadband](#) and reach out to Amy Sturges,

Executive Director's Report



League's Latest

It's Not Too Late - Make your Hotel Reservations and Register Now for the Municipal Leadership Summit!

Summit Special Guest Speakers Include:

Governor Tom Wolf

Attorney General Josh Shapiro

Auditor General Timothy DeFoor

Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward

Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa

Summit Agenda Topics Include:

Implementing Climate Action Plans & Modernizing Infrastructure

Road to Sustainable Transportation

Cyber Security

Difficult Management Issues

Healthy Communities - Leading the Charge on Health Equity

Police De-Escalation Training Using Virtual Reality

And much more!



Expect Your Best with Charlie Batch

Former Detroit Lions & Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback will speak on Saturday, October 8 at the 10:00 a.m. General Session.

Municipal Leadership Summit

PITTSBURGH  OCTOBER 6-9, 2022



Learn more & register now at:

PML.org/municipal-leadership-summit

Click Here To Utilize Your Municipal Leadership Summit Promo Toolkit

A Roaring 20s Celebration Reception!

Silent Auction To Benefit The Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development



The Schuettler Center Silent Auction 2022 – This year at the culmination of the annual Municipal Leadership Summit we'll be holding an evening reception and silent auction to raise funds for The Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity created by the Pennsylvania Municipal League Board of Directors to assist local elected and appointed officials in obtaining the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to meet the challenges of their office. The Center also provides a forum from which policy issues can be debated, formulated, and communicated through such means as training, research papers, and educational publications. For more information [click here](#) and [here to donate a gift certificate for the auction](#).

Please welcome our newest member to The League – [Middletown Township](#), Bucks County. Welcome aboard!

[West Penn Park Playground Build](#) – This project will be made possible by generous contributions from the [City of Pittsburgh](#), the [Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources \(DCNR\)](#), [The Grable Foundation](#), [Duquesne Light](#), Highmark Health and Allegheny Health Network, and [KABOOM!](#). The League and community individuals will be all working together to complete building a new playground structure at West Penn Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We will have volunteer opportunities for "Build Week" – October 3-5, 2022 – the ribbon cutting will take place on Wednesday afternoon, Oct 5. [Register Now!](#) Plenty of volunteer opportunities are available during this time. There are also [sponsorship opportunities which can be found here](#).

Register now for the remaining [PELRAS Leadership Primer Workshop](#). The [East Region](#) will be held on November 1 at the Delaware Valley Trusts Headquarters in Horsham.

[Register now for the upcoming League Fall Sustainability Conference](#) – which will be held on November 15 at the Inn at Villanova University. Topics for this year's conference include Renewable Energy, Recycling, Blight and Diversity Equity Inclusion.

Upcoming PATH Class: [Developing and Managing Your Municipal Budget](#) – This in-classroom training course is designed to help municipal officials understand key concepts of financing, including capital budgeting, cash flow, and capitalization so that they can apply them to their community and municipal operations. The presenter will demonstrate the differences between capital expenditures and operating expenses and explain the concept of present value. Case studies will illustrate the process municipalities went through to complete projects.

Upcoming PCCA Classes: [G-282 Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts](#): Live and in-person Lehigh County October 4-7. [Click here to register](#); [Floodplain Ordinance Training](#): Live and in-person Columbia County October 12, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#); and [G-273 Floodplain Management Course](#): Live and in-person Erie County October 31 - November 4. [Click here to register](#).

We have created a new [ARPA Investment Tracking Form](#) and ask that you please fill out this brief form so we can share the great ways you are using your ARPA dollars with all members. Thank you!

We have compiled a list of articles for [League member actions regarding ARPA funding](#). We will continue to update this list as more information becomes available.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage.

Also, be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.

Resource Roundup

[Learn about NEVI Funding & Network – Register Today!](#) – Join **PennDOT, PPL, PA DEP and the Eastern Pennsylvania Alliance for Clean Transportation (EP-ACT)** for an educational stakeholder session highlighting the state plan for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program.

[USDOT Announces \\$160 Million Available for Smart Transportation Technology](#) – New SMART and ATTAIN Programs Support Innovation that Advances American Competitiveness, Fights Climate Change, Improves Safety, and Helps Americans Save Time and Money

[Public Procurement LOCAL Educational Opportunity!](#) –The PA Public Purchasing Association is hosting the annual NIGP Area 2 Conference & Trade Show here in Pittsburgh this year!

[PA Municipalities to Receive Final Pandemic Aid Allocation](#) – Municipalities that received initial allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021 received their second, and final, [ARPA allocations the week of September 12](#).

[Making it All Happen: Your Extraordinary Summer Camp from Start to Finish](#) – Workshop with Roz & Jed Buck! Registration Deadline: November 9. Space is limited, don't miss out!

[FCC Establishes Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program](#) – A New competitive federal grant program that will be available to support Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment, as well as [this new blog post](#) highlighting what it means specifically for local governments.

The [Gateways for Growth Challenge \(G4G\)](#) is a competitive opportunity for localities to receive research support and technical assistance from the [American Immigration Council](#) (the Council) and [Welcoming America](#) (WA) to improve immigrant inclusion in their communities. We have successfully supported more than 70 communities through the challenge over the last 5 years and are excited to announce that the application process for Round V is now live! An informational webinar recorded on September 20 will be made available upon request.

[Historical Municipal Incorporation Documents Guide](#) – Updates to the [SAM.gov](#) (System for Award Management) registration system this year now require municipalities to provide written documentation of their incorporation in order to register and apply for federal grants.

Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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