



## **Legislative Session Recap and Outcomes**

Metro Cities will provide a comprehensive summary and outcomes from the 2019 regular and special sessions of the Legislature in a separate edition of the newsletter next week. If you have questions regarding legislative items or issues, please contact Metro Cities at 651-215-4000.

## **Your Feedback is Needed: Metro Cities' License & Permit Fee Survey**

Metro Cities has provided a License and Permit Fee Survey biennially for several years, and we're approaching the time when we would normally begin to open the survey for updates. The vendor Metro Cities contracts with has notified us that the survey software needs significant upgrades before it can be used again. Metro Cities will hold on updating the survey to address the necessary upgrades.

This presents a timely opportunity for Metro Cities to examine the survey product and determine member satisfaction levels and future needs. **Metro Cities is forming a focus group of city staff** to determine how the survey is utilized, its benefits and challenges, whether the survey should continue, and what a survey should look like going forward. We want to determine whether the survey meets your needs, what could be changed, and how to move forward to ensure that this is a useful product.

**We would like to know - as soon as possible - whether you have an interest in serving on the focus group.** The time commitment is expected to be three to four meetings over the summer and fall. **Your input is invaluable as we examine the survey product.** Regardless of whether or not you serve on the focus group, we invite and encourage you to share any feedback from your experience using the License and Permit Fee Survey or options for the survey that you wish would be available. Please email [kimberly@metrocitysmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitysmn.org).

Please note! The coordinator side of the survey where you upload data is currently closed, but existing survey data can be accessed until Friday, May 31st through the member side. After that date, the site will be closed. You can access the link to the login page on our website here: [www.metrocitysmn.org/external-links](http://www.metrocitysmn.org/external-links). Select the login link for the Municipal License and Permit Fee Survey. (Your login information should be the same. Please contact Kimberly if you don't have your login information or are having trouble logging in.) You can download the information as an Excel file to maintain access to the survey data after the site closes. You can also contact Kimberly after Friday, May 31st if you wish to access the information.

Questions or comments? Please contact Kimberly at 651-215-4000 or [kimberly@metrocitysmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitysmn.org).

## **2019 Metro Cities Policy Committees**

Don't forget to sign up for a Metro Cities Policy Committee! Policy Committees meet in July, August, and September and cover four different policy areas: Transportation and General Government, Municipal Revenues, Metropolitan Agencies, Housing and Economic Development. Policy Committees recommend legislative policies for the next legislative session, and those

policies serve as a foundation for our work at Metro Cities. Being part of a Policy Committee is a great opportunity for your city to have a voice in the processes for the policies as well as at the legislature.

Policy committees are open to city staff and elected officials and the form to sign-up can be found on our website on the Policy Committees page. Whether you are new or have participated in the past, we welcome your participation on one or more committees in 2019.

*Remember:*

- Committees meet either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday in the morning from 9:00-11:30 am or the afternoon from 1:00-3:30. The committees and dates are listed on our website here, and updates and additional information will be posted on these pages as it becomes available.
- Please actively sign up for the committee(s) you wish to attend, even if you have been on the committee in the past. This will help us keep our rosters current and correct!
- All meetings take place at the Metro Cities/League of MN Cities building at 145 University Avenue West, St. Paul.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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### **Metro Cities Breakfast at the June LMC Annual Conference**

If you're attending the 2019 League of MN Cities' Annual Conference in June in Duluth at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC), plan to join your metro colleagues for breakfast on **Thursday, June 27th at 7:30 am**. This is a great chance to mingle with other Metro Cities members and to hear a brief update from Metro Cities staff.

If you're able to join us, please let Kimberly know at 651-215-4000 or [kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org) as soon as possible. We hope to see you there!

### **EVENT: Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Open House & Budget Workshop**

The Metropolitan Council invites MCES customers to participate in a Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Open House and Budget Workshop. Topics covered will include proposed 2020 MCES Budget and Municipal Wastewater Charge, MCES Capital Improvement Program, and MCES Customer Survey Results and Customer Portal. Click [here](#) for more information. Details for the remaining workshop are below.

**Thursday, June 6**

1:30-3:00 pm

**League of MN Cities**

St. Croix Room

145 University Ave W

St. Paul, MN

Please RSVP by contacting Sara Running at 651-602-1531 or [sara.running@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:sara.running@metc.state.mn.us).

## **EVENT: Metropolitan Council Metro Local Governments Roundtable on 2020 Census**

The Metropolitan Council invites you to this quarterly meeting of local governments working together to promote participation in the 2020 Census. This meeting invites and includes local government professionals and officials who are organizing and supporting Complete Count activities. This meeting is not itself a Complete Count Committee.

You are welcome to share this invitation within your office or city hall. The Met Council is especially interested to involve community engagement specialists, communications specialists, human rights commissions, and interested elected officials.

### **Friday, June 7**

1:15-2:45 pm

### **Ramsey County Library – Roseville**

Community Meeting Room

2180 Hamline Ave N

Roseville, MN

Click [here](#) for additional information and for the link to register.

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