

# LOC Bulletin

July 28, 2017



## Deadline for State Shared Revenue Certifications is Monday

In last Friday's *LOC Bulletin*, an article on state shared revenues, which relied on information furnished by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS), incorrectly identified some cities as not having filed their annual certifications with DAS. The League sincerely apologizes for the error and any undue concern it caused certain member cities.

DAS advised the League this week that several Oregon cities still have not filed the required annual certifications. The deadline for filing these certifications is **July 31**. If a city fails to properly file the certifications by the July 31 deadline, that city will not qualify for quarterly state shared revenue payments for state liquor, cigarette and gas tax revenues.

For details on certification requirements, see the [July 21 LOC Bulletin](#).

Cities that have questions regarding certification or their status are asked to contact DAS' Shared Financial Services Division at (503) 373-0735, or email Jeffrey Fehl at [Jeffrey.FEHL@oregon.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.FEHL@oregon.gov).

**Update:** According to DAS, as of noon on July 31, all cities are now certified to received state shared revenues for FY 2017-18.

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## 17 Cities Complete the LOC Water Rates Survey

The League would like to thank its members for taking the time to review and complete the 2017 Water Rate Survey. The League regularly updates this data, which provides valuable insight on city drinking water, wastewater and stormwater. The data is compiled in a manner that can allow cities to compare rates based on geography/region, population and services provided. This

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data can also assist the League in advocating for more funding for water-related infrastructure, and help ensure that new water policies and regulations do not result in excessive burdens for ratepayers or decreased service levels.

The deadline for cities to respond to the survey is 5:00 p.m. **August 25**.

The League also would like to thank the following 17 cities for responding as of July 27:

Antelope	Estacada	Mt. Vernon	Vale
Banks	Gates	Nyssa	Waldport
Dundee	Haines	Pendleton	
Dunes City	Lostine	Seneca	
Echo	Mitchell	Spray	

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## New FAQ on Right-of-Way Vacation Now Available

The League has created a “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) document covering the process for vacating a public right of way. Members of the League’s Legal Research department regularly receive questions from city employees and officials regarding the laws that govern the process of vacating a public right of way. The FAQ is meant to be used as a starting point for understanding the process of vacating a right of way, and covers questions such as:

- What is a right-of-way vacation?
- What state and local laws govern right-of-way vacation?
- How are right-of-way vacations initiated?
- What role does the city council play in the vacation decision?
- How can cities initiate their own right-of-way vacation proceeding?

The FAQ is available [here](#), as well as on the LOC website in the Library section under the Publications tab.

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## Immigration Compliance Requirements Added to 2017 JAG Grants

On July 25, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the U.S. Department of Justice will only provide Byrne JAG grants to cities that: comply with federal immigration law; allow federal immigration officials access to a city's detention facilities; and provide 48-hour notice to federal immigration officials before the city releases an illegal alien. JAG grants are distributed by the Department of Justice each year to localities to facilitate any of the following: law enforcement; prosecution; indigent defense; courts; crime prevention and education; corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; and other initiatives related to criminal justice. In calendar year 2016, three Oregon cities and three Oregon counties received JAG grants.

The League's FAQ on the President's Immigration Orders has been updated to reflect these new requirements and is available [here](#).

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## Free Notary Seminars Available

The Oregon Secretary of State's office has scheduled free notary seminars throughout the state to give every notary an opportunity to become properly trained and educated about Oregon laws and notary procedure.

Upcoming seminars:

- August 1, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Salem, Center for Business and Industry
- August 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Lebanon, LBCC Lebanon Center Annex
- August 9, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Portland, Multnomah Building
- August 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Corvallis, Madison Building
- August 24, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – McMinnville Public Library
- August 29, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Lake Oswego, City Hall Council Chambers
- August 31, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Prineville, City Hall Council Chambers

For a complete schedule or to register, click [here](#).

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