



MTAS Research and Information Center New Acquisitions List March 2020

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Alcoholic beverage sales on election days. Stephanie O'Hara. A Tennessee city requested information on whether or not it is legal to sell alcoholic beverages on Election Day. The author responded to the question informing the city that neither the Tennessee General Assembly nor the ABC have restricted alcohol sales on Election Day. ([More](#))

Adventures in annexation: adventure guide to annexation for a municipality. MTAS. This MTAS online "Adventure Guide" provides instruction on each step of the annexation process for Tennessee municipalities. ([More](#))

Census 2020: resources for your city. Gary Jaeckel. This MTAS "City Byte", a short online tutorial, provides a concise overview of what Tennessee cities and towns need to know regarding the Census 2020. (MTAS City Byte series) ([More](#))

COVID-19 and municipal governments: a hot topic Q & A for Tennessee municipalities. Dennis Wolf, Melissa Ashburn. The first case in the United States of 2019-nCoV, the 2019 novel coronavirus, now classified as COVID-19, was diagnosed on January 20, 2020, in Snohomish County, Washington. Since then, more people have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and cities are struggling to find information on how to respond to the spread of the virus and how the virus will affect the city's ability to continue to provide municipal services. This MTAS Hot Topic provides guidance for cities on these issues. (Updated 3/23/2020)
([More](#))

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) resources for local governments in Tennessee. Frances Adams-O'Brien. A list of resources for local governments in Tennessee related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. This list will be updated regularly as resources become available. ([More](#))

Families First Coronavirus Response Act: a summary for Tennessee municipalities. Melissa Ashburn. A summary of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (signed into law March 18, 2020) to assist employers and employees during the pandemic. ([More](#))

Fire stations and coronavirus precautions: a hot topic for Tennessee municipalities. Dennis Wolf. Firefighters understand the concept of hot, warm, and cold zones in fire stations when it comes to keeping turnouts and fire contaminated gear out of the living areas of the station. But what about viruses and other pathogens? The practices used for fire contaminated gear do not work with pathogens. Therefore, firefighters need to practice more

extensive contamination control to reduce the chance of spreading the coronavirus while at the fire station. ([More](#))

How is hemp impacting your municipality? Elisha Hodge. This MTAS City Byte, a short online tutorial, will explore recent changes in legislation that made hemp-based products more accessible and how that accessibility is impacting municipalities. (MTAS City Byte series) ([More](#))

Municipal banking services: Public Chapter 277 of 2019. Kay Stegall. This MTAS City Byte, a short online tutorial, reviews Public Chapter 277 of 2019. This law stipulates that municipal banking services must be evaluated at least every four years and proposals must be from at least two banks. The statute also requires a contract for banking services be based on the evaluation of proposals, which should be documented for audit purposes. The law was effective July 1, 2019 thus banking services must be evaluated within the next four years or when the current contract expires whichever is sooner. (MTAS City Byte series) ([More](#))

Retailers giving away beer without a permit. Stephanie O'Hara. MTAS was asked whether or not a retailer may give beer away without a permit. ([More](#))

Transparency toolbox: using a website to facilitate access to public information. This MTAS City Byte, a short online tutorial, explains the requirements of the Tennessee Public Records and Open Meetings Acts, suggests records to be made available on a city or county website, and includes information on how to provide such information on a website. Sections include: Public Meetings Act, Public Records, Website, Types of Records, and Transferring Documents. (MTAS City Byte series) ([More](#))

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AWWA utility benchmarking: performance management for water and wastewater 2019 (latest edition). The primary objective of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) Utility Benchmarking Program is to provide objective performance measures for decision makers who are responsible for utilities that provide potable water, wastewater, and/or stormwater services. [Book] ([More](#))