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<b>Gauging employee thoughts, feelings and opinions through safety perception surveys.</b> Lori Schroth, Brandon J. Hody. The authors explain the importance of employees view of health and safety in their organization. Offering a survey like this helps organizations evaluate the safety and health culture in the workplace so that continued improvement is possible. <i>(In Public Risk - Vol. 36, no. 5 (September/October 2020), p. 6-9).</i>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
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<b>Legality of ordinance changing staggered four-year term of office to non-staggered two-year term of office.</b> Elisha Hodge. MTAS was asked to give an opinion on the legality of an ordinance which changed the board of mayor and alderman from a staggered four-year term of office to a non-staggered two-year term of office.	Legal opinion	<a href="#">Download</a>
<b>Municipal Court Survey 2020.</b> Frances Adams-O'Brien and John Eskew. MTAS conducted a statewide survey of municipal court clerk contacts available in the MTAS city directory. Survey invitations were sent to 234 contacts and 105 surveys were completed. Questions about municipal court operations are frequent and over the years MTAS has conducted several smaller surveys. This survey was an attempt to combine the previous surveys into one comprehensive resource.	Survey	<a href="#">Download</a>
<b>Ordinance regulating detached garages and other accessory structures.</b> Pat Hardy. A brief ordinance developed by MTAS to address the regulation of detached garages and other accessory structures.	Ordinance	<a href="#">Download</a>

<p><b>Preemption of local procurement preferences by competition requirements.</b> Jack Petro. While there is a history of American government using public procurement law to fulfill policy objectives, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) establishes policies that encourage agencies to award contracts to small businesses, especially those owned by veterans.</p> <p>(In <i>Municipal Lawyer</i> - Vol. 61, no. 5 (September/October 2020), p. 12-13).</p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
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<p><b>Resolution to hire part-time city manager (general law manager-commission charter).</b> Pat Hardy. A sample resolution prepared by MTAS to be used by a board/council for hiring a part-time city manager in a general law manager-commission charter city.</p>	Resolution	<a href="#">Download</a>
<p><b>Seeing is believing: using game cams to validate flow monitoring.</b> Alex Messina, Jeremy Burns. The authors explain that sometimes there are anomalies found in water flow reports and suggest that using game cameras to capture information at monitoring locations without human staffing.</p> <p>(In <i>Stormwater</i> - Vol. 21, no. 10 (October 2020), p. 10-13).</p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>
<p><b>Serving better together for 66 years.</b> American Public Works Association. Tennessee Chapter. A historical look at the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The first meeting of the chapter was held May 13-15, 1954. This article includes highlights of that first meeting.</p> <p>(In <i>Tennessee Public Works</i> - Vol. 38, no. 4 (Conference 2020), p. 10-11)</p>	Article	<a href="#">Request</a>

**The debate over defunding the police.** Seth A. Williams, David R. Eichenthal. The authors explain that in response to the George Floyd case and the protests going on throughout the nation, city officials are faced with pressure to defund police departments. There is a debate going on about where the funding should be reallocated to if this happens.

(*In Government Finance Review - Vol. 30, no. 5 (October 2020), p. 18-25*).

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