

August 14, 2015

**RE: Weekly Policy Update**

Dear Mayor:

**I. Acting AG Directive Regarding Body Worn Cameras**

On July 28th, Acting Attorney General John Hoffman released a law enforcement [directive](#) regarding the use of body worn cameras (BWC) by law enforcement in the State of New Jersey. For more on this directive please see our August 13 letter by [clicking here.](#)

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**II. Governor Signs DLGS Streamlining Bill, S-2454, P.L. 2015, c.95**

On August 10, Governor Christie signed S-2454, “Division of Local Government Services Modernization and Local Mandate Relief Act of 2014”. P.L. 2015, c. 95, which took effect immediately, updates outdated policies and procedures as well as providing municipalities with much need mandate relief and flexibility. Many of the amendments will result in cost savings.

The League **supported** this legislation. Many of the reforms in the law are issues that the League has raised before the Red Tape Review Commission, in previous year’s conference resolutions and in testimony on various pieces of legislation.

Please see the League’s summary and analysis of this important legislation by clicking here.

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**III. Red Tape Commission to Meet in September**

The [Red Tape Review Commission](#), chaired by Lieutenant Governor Guadagno, is currently scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 10th, at 10am, in the State Museum Auditorium, Trenton, NJ.

Any testimony should be provided electronically in advance. Please include the topic on which you wish to speak and who will be speaking. Testimony should be limited to 3-5 minutes. You can learn more by [clicking here.](#)

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#### **IV. Flood Insurance Policy Holders have until September 15 to Request their Hurricane Sandy Claims be Reviewed**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently issued a reminder that those who filed Sandy-related claims under the National Flood Insurance Program have until Tuesday, September 15 to request a review of their claims if they believe they were underpaid.

To be eligible, the claimants must have experienced flood damage between Oct. 27 and Nov. 6, 2012 as a result of Sandy. Policyholders can call the NFIP's Hurricane Sandy claims center at **1866-337-4262** or go to [www.fema.gov/sandyclaims](http://www.fema.gov/sandyclaims) to download a form requesting a review. The downloaded form may be filled out and emailed to [FEMA-sandyclaimsreview@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-sandyclaimsreview@fema.dhs.gov) to start the review process.

For more information [click here](#)

#### **V. A-366/ S-1713 – Would Protect and Restore Local Revenues**

Due to an apparent misreading of a 1997 law, 223 municipalities have already been denied vital non-property tax revenues. These funds would have allowed local officials to provide vital relief to residential taxpayers. Unless the Legislature acts, more municipalities will suffer the same fate.

Companion bills, A-366 and S-1713, have been introduced to correct this problem. These bills are absolutely needed to address the current and future loss of a key, non-property tax revenue stream. The League strongly supports this legislation and urges you to contact your Legislators and ask for their support. You can review our summary and analysis of this legislation by [clicking here](#).

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#### **VI. Division Issues Local Finance Notice 2015-14**

Local Finance Notice 2015-14 “Local Units May Require Employees to Use Direct Deposit” discusses the ability of municipalities and counties to mandate direct deposit of employee pay, as well as recently enacted legislation extending this power to local authorities and fire districts. You can review the Local Finance Notice by [clicking here](#).

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Any other questions or comments on policy issues can be directed to Mike Cerra, Assistant Executive Director at either [mcerra@njslom.org](mailto:mcerra@njslom.org) or 609-695-3481 x120.

Very truly yours,

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