

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

X Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) *Waiver of First Requested*
Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager


DATE: November 29, 2023 (B of T) Date: December 7, 2023

TITLE: Illinois Municipal League Membership

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Attached please find information pertaining to municipal membership for the Village of Lombard in the Illinois Municipal League. Information is provided about IML and annual membership. Approval for membership for 2024 at a rate of \$2,500 is sought.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X	_____	Date	_____
Finance Director X	_____	Date	_____
Village Manager X		Date	<u>1/29/23</u>

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
FROM: Nicole Aranas, Deputy Village Manager *NDA*
DATE: November 28, 2023
SUBJECT: Illinois Municipal League Membership

Sharing information here relevant to Village of Lombard membership in the Illinois Municipal League (IML). IML is the statewide organization representing cities, villages, and towns throughout Illinois. The organization is the collective voice for issues of importance to 1,295 municipalities in Illinois.

Three key areas of focus for IML include legislative advocacy and empowerment, member education, and legal guidance for municipal attorneys on local government issues. In the area of legislative advocacy, IML provides the following services:

- **IML Legislative Agenda** – Development of an annual legislative agenda responsive to the needs of municipalities
- **Bill Tracking and Legislative Positions** – Review of Illinois legislative bills to determine impact upon municipal government, along with a position on each bill communicated directly to the General Assembly, and where needed, witness slips and testimony in support or opposition to legislative proposals
- **Boards, Committees, and Task Forces** – Monitoring and participation in several state task forces and governmental bodies to ensure municipal representation and insights are provided
- **Legislative Reports** – Creation of legislative reports to provide information to municipal officials and legislators
- **IML Statehouse Briefing and Federal Focus** – Information on pending state and federal legislation that affects local government through e-newsletters, including Statehouse Briefing and Federal Focus

In addition to legislative advocacy, membership benefits include education opportunities such as the IML Educations Resources website, online resources for newly elected officials, the IML conference, monthly Review magazine, e-newsletters, fact sheets, manuals, and handbooks, revenue forecasting reports, model ordinances, advisory legal opinions, legal briefs, and GrantFinder access.

Membership dues for 2024 for the Village of Lombard are \$2,500 annually. The current dues rate for municipal membership has not increased over the last eight years. Additional information regarding IML and municipal membership are attached for your review.

Upon review of this information, please consider approving membership for the Village of Lombard to the Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$2,500. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

Village of Lombard
255 E Wilson Ave
Lombard, IL 60148-3926

AMOUNT DUE:
\$2500.00

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BASED ON CENSUS POPULATION

Membership shall be on a calendar year basis beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of each year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Among all the other benefits, members also receive copies of the **ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL REVIEW MAGAZINE** for the following:

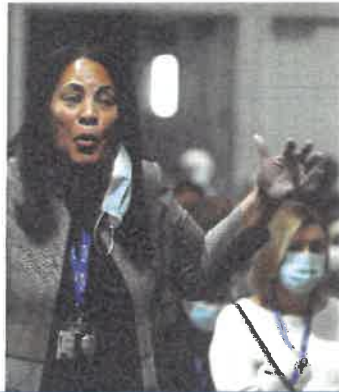
- Mayor/Village/Town President • Municipal Manager/Administrator • Municipal Clerk
- Municipal Treasurer • Municipal Attorney • Municipal Engineer (if full time)
- Comptroller/Finance Officer • Trustees/Councilmen/Aldermen/Commissioners.

Magazine subscriptions for additional municipal employees may be obtained at a rate of \$30 annually.

CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL INFORMATION CAN BE MADE ON REVERSE SIDE.

Please return completed form with your payment.

Village of Lombard		CREDIT CARD BILLING INFORMATION: (as it appears on the credit card statement)	
Who should be the invoice contact for your municipality?		Name:	
		Address:	
1) 2024 Membership Dues	\$2500.00	City:	
2) Number of additional <i>Review</i> magazine subscriptions (\$30 each)		State: Illinois	Zip:
3) Amount due for subscriptions (line 2 x \$30)	\$	Daytime phone:	
TOTAL PAYMENT AMOUNT (line 1 + line 3)	\$	Card #:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Mail check to: Illinois Municipal League PO Box 5180 Springfield, IL 62705-5180		Expiration date (mm/yy):	
		CVV# (3 digits on back):	
		Email address: (for receipt)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Amex Fax to 217-525-7438 or call the IML office at 217-525-1220		Signature:	



Your Membership Matters

Educate.

Advocate.

Empower.

June 29, 2023



The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is the statewide organization representing cities, villages and towns throughout Illinois. For more than a century, IML has worked continuously for the benefit of all 1,295 municipalities in Illinois to provide a collective voice for issues of importance to local government.

Legislative Advocacy and Empowerment

IML maintains strong relationships and a legislative presence at the state and federal levels in order to effectively advocate for the interests of Illinois municipalities. Each spring, IML introduces an aggressive legislative agenda to protect municipal authority and enable local officials to confront local problems with local solutions. As the unit of government closest to the people, it is critical for municipal leaders to be able to fulfill their responsibilities to those who elected them.

Through a variety of channels, including e-newsletters and legislative reports, IML provides updates on proposed legislation and other legislative happenings to keep our membership informed, and also to allow them the opportunity for their voices to be heard in the decision making process.

IML staff is charged with several duties to aid municipal governments in providing quality services for their citizens. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- **IML Legislative Agenda** – IML legislative staff is responsible for working closely with the IML policy committees and the IML Legislative Committee to coordinate legislative proposals received from local officials around the state, which are then used to develop an annual legislative agenda that is responsive to the needs of municipalities.
- **Bill Tracking and Legislative Positions** – IML legislative staff reviews and analyzes thousands of bills filed by legislators to determine which proposals could affect municipal governments. Staff then communicates IML's position on each bill directly to the General Assembly and may also file witness slips and testify in support or opposition to proposals in legislative committees.
- **Boards, Committees and Task Forces** – IML legislative staff monitors and participates in several task forces and other governmental bodies created by action of the General Assembly to ensure municipal representation and insight is included in those processes.
- **Legislative Reports** – IML legislative staff routinely creates legislative reports such as the *Proposed Legislation Imposing Local Preemption Report*, *Proposed State Mandates Report* and the *Legislation Approved by Both Chambers Report*. These reports provide information to municipal officials and state legislators and provides context for IML's legislative positions and activities.
- **IML Statehouse Briefing and Federal Focus** – IML staff provides timely and pertinent information on pending state and federal legislation that affects local government through e-newsletters, including the *Statehouse Briefing* and *Federal Focus*.



Educating Our Members

With in-person conferences and seminars throughout the year, there is never a shortage of opportunities for municipal officials to come together and learn alongside their peers. A vast library of virtual seminars is updated regularly and is available for all municipal officials on the IML website. Among these in-person and virtual seminars are:

- Online resources for newly elected officials
- Seminars on issues impacting local government
- Municipal Attorneys Seminars
- IML Annual Conference

The IML Education Resource website includes access to virtual educational opportunities for municipal officials. Resources include legislative update videos, educational videos for newly elected officials and virtual seminars on multiple topics of municipal interest. Visit iml.org/education for more information.

The IML Annual Conference is the premier educational and networking opportunity for municipal officials across Illinois. Each year, we feature timely topics delivered by dynamic and engaging speakers with local government needs in mind.

IML developed a free education platform for all police (Article 3) and firefighter (Article 4) pension fund trustees. The platform, available online at iml.org/pensiontrustees, provides the statutorily-required training certification for all trustees, at no cost.

IML has several informational mailings, publications and resources available for members, including:

- **Illinois Municipal Review Magazine** – A monthly magazine with a broad spectrum of articles and features containing information of both general and specific interest to municipal leaders.
- **IML E-newsletters** – Provides updated and timely information for our members on issues that directly impact municipalities.
- **Reports, Fact Sheets, Handbooks and Surveys** – IML publications provide municipal officials with information necessary to best administer their duties.
- **IML Website** – Provides up-to-the-minute news on legislation, legal actions and important events, as well as helpful resources and data available 24/7/365.



Legal Guidance for Municipal Attorneys

IML legal staff provides guidance to municipal attorneys representing IML members on issues concerning municipal law. IML legal staff performs a wide variety of tasks to monitor and influence the status of municipal law in Illinois and nationally, including:

- **Committees and Meetings** – IML legal staff hosts meetings and events with municipal attorneys across Illinois. The purpose of these meetings and events is to foster communication and to ensure that IML staff is aware of and able to respond to trends in municipal law.
- **Ordinance Requests** – When a community is considering a specific ordinance, IML legal staff can provide model or sample ordinances on a variety of topics.
- **Case Highlights** – Timely reporting on significant cases is located on the IML legal webpage.
- **Amicus Advocacy** – IML often submits *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs in state and federal courts for cases that involve an issue of municipal law that could have a statewide or national impact.
- **Inquiries and Guidance** – IML's legal staff is available to consult with a member's municipal attorney on legal questions; however, we do not directly represent the municipality in legal actions.
- **Legal Bulletin** – The *Legal Bulletin* provides a monthly update on recent court decisions and other items of legal interest to municipal officials.



MUNICIPALITIES ARE *OUR* SPECIAL INTEREST

Your continued membership and participation in the ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE is valued and appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Your annual IML membership provides you and your municipality with:



A strong voice advocating for your interests at state and federal levels.

Educational opportunities, events and the monthly Review magazine to help inform and inspire you.



Timely legislative and legal updates on the issues that concern your municipality.

Real answers from real people. Assistance for your clerk or attorney is just a phone call away.



Access to manuals and handbooks written by professionals in the field of municipal governance.

24/7 website access to current and archived information, including model ordinances and municipal codes: iml.org.



ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
THE ONE CLEAR VOICE FOR ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES.



Illinois Municipal League Membership: An Investment in Your Community

November 1, 2023

PROTECTING MUNICIPAL REVENUES

As part of its core policies and principles, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) advocates aggressively in support of protecting municipal revenues. Through our advocacy, IML was able to ensure that the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 State Budget increased the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), which is the local share of state income tax revenue, from 6.16% to 6.47% and did not increase the administrative fee the state imposes on the collection of local sales taxes. While these outcomes were favorable, IML will continue to work for the full restoration of diverted income and sales tax revenues.

Additionally, IML continues to advocate for the automatic appropriation of state-shared municipal revenues, the elimination or reduction of the sales tax administrative fee, as well as oppose legislation that diverts or reduces local revenues.

STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY

IML maintains relationships with the Illinois General Assembly in order to provide a strong voice for local government. In 2023, IML proactively introduced and pursued an aggressive legislative agenda intended to help municipal leaders solve local problems. IML's state advocacy reflects its core values to:

- Promote local decision making;
- Promote and preserve home rule authority;
- Expand non-home rule authority;
- Oppose unfunded mandates;
- Preserve the right of municipalities to decide employee wages and benefits; and,
- Protect state-shared and other local revenues.

IML also directly engages with members of Congress on federal issues that impact our members. As a result of our comprehensive efforts, IML ranks among the leading state municipal leagues in federal advocacy. In 2023, IML's federal advocacy included:

- Supporting the removal of liability from municipalities when a cyberattack occurs;
- Protecting qualified immunity in any policing and criminal justice reform legislation;
- Advocating for legislation that enhances municipal cybersecurity protections and provides immunity from liability for a data breach if a municipality meets current industry cybersecurity standards; and,
- Urging Congress to end federal regulatory preemptions on small wireless facility deployment.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Discounted registration rates for attendance at the IML Annual Conference and IML seminars and events;
- Discounts on IML manuals and handbooks;
- Free educational resources on the IML website;
- Timely legal and legislative updates through the *Review* magazine, *Statehouse Briefing*, *Federal Focus* and *Legal Bulletin*;
- A wide array of fact sheets, resource guides and other helpful materials;
- An annual municipal calendar of statutory duties and quarterly state-shared revenue forecasts; and,
- Access to a team of attorneys, lobbyists and professional staff.

THANK YOU

The Illinois Municipal League is committed to provide a valuable return on the investment of your membership dues. It is through your support that we are able to continue to expand our reach, strengthen our impact and make a difference for your residents. Thank you for the confidence and trust you place in us.

Your Membership Matters

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ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

EDUCATION RESOURCES

IML was founded in 1913 with the sole purpose of assisting elected and appointed municipal officials and staff, like yourself, while serving your community. In that role, we provide advocacy representation at the national and state levels, offer legal assistance, develop best practice information and host educational seminars and conferences to support our members.

IML's Education Resources webpage offers numerous resources that highlight various issues municipal officials encounter. Those resources include seminars on the basics of municipal government, the state's sunshine laws and an introduction to IML's legislative advocacy. In addition, IML provides fact sheets, publications and other items of interest to help municipal officials achieve success.

Visit the Education Resources webpage at iml.org/education.

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