SD Municipal League Policy Process

March/April: Members are asked at District Meetings and through the South Dakota Municipalities magazine if they are interested in serving on a policy committee.

May/June: The SDML President appoints the policy committees, usually made up of members from previous years, plus any new people who have volunteered. There are four policy committees, with about 25 people on each committee. Policy committee members come from all sizes of towns, and from all regions of the state. The committees are:

- General Government Committee
- Public Health, Safety, and Welfare Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Taxation and Revenue Committee

August: The four policy committees meet to review their own sections of the existing Statement of Policy, delete policies no longer needed, and add any new suggestions they agree upon.

September: Staff follows up on questions or comments from the August meetings, and prepares information for the committees to consider when they meet again in October.

October: Policy committees meet again on the first day of the Annual Conference. The next day, the Resolutions Committee, made up of about 25 people representing all four policy committees, reviews the entire Statement of Policy and makes a final recommendation to be voted on by the entire membership at the Annual Business Meeting, held on the final day of the Annual Conference.

November: Staff uses the Statement of Policy adopted by the members at the Annual Business Meeting to develop a package of Legislation to take to the next Legislative Session. In addition, the staff uses the policies to guide positions taken by the Municipal League in response to legislation brought forward by others, and to answer questions about the League’s position on a variety of issues.

Policy Suggestions Needed

The SD Municipal League needs to hear from you! The League is beginning the legislative policy process that will end with a Statement of Policy adopted by the members at the Annual Conference in October. The current Statement of Policy can be found at www.sdmunicipalleague.org under the About the League tab. If you have thoughts or suggestions you would like to have addressed by the Municipal League or the State Legislature, please explain them below (use additional sheets if necessary) and return this form by July 27, 2018 to: Yvonne Taylor, SD Municipal League, 208 Island Drive, Ft. Pierre, SD 57532 or fax to 605-224-8655 or e-mail to yvonne@sdmunicipalleague.org.

Suggestions will be taken to the policy committees, where they will consider them for incorporation into the Statement of Policy. Suggestions may also be brought up from the floor on October 5, during the Annual Business Meeting, held at the SDML Annual Conference, October 2-5, 2018 in Pierre.

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Your Name: __________________________________________________________ Phone Number: _______________________
Suggested Legislative or Policy Change:
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