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House Local Government Committee Feb. 7, 2012 SUPPORT FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION

The City of Wichita stands in support of the League of Kansas Municipalities in its efforts to achieve a compromise regarding the publication of city ordinances.

The compromise solution effectively protects the public's right to be informed about new ordinances that are adopted by city government. It also presents an opportunity for responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

The City of Wichita, like other cities across the state and nation, has faced unprecedented budget challenges over the past few years. Our mill levy has not increased over the past 18 years, and our budget revenue has been virtually unchanged the past three years, reflecting lower property valuations and a struggling economy.

The summary publication compromise will maintain adequate transparency of local government, while allowing for the most effective use of the valuable tax dollars entrusted to us. No opportunity to maximize the value of our tax revenues can go unattended. It is essential we take advantage of new communication technologies to serve our public while maintaining fiscal responsibility.