

Date: February 14, 2017

To: Chair Kristey Williams and House Local Government Committee

From: Cindy Green, Deputy Director

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 2247

Chairwoman Kristey Williams and Local Government Committee members, thank you for the opportunity for the League of Kansas Municipalities on behalf of its member cities to provide testimony in support of HB 2247.

The League supports the option to designate an internet website as the official publication source for the city which HB 2247 provides. The intent of the current statutes regarding publication is for cities to provide notification to its citizens to keep them informed. As times have changed, more individuals are receiving their news from the internet, so it makes sense for cities to have the opportunity to place legal publications on the internet.

The option to publish on the internet versus in the newspaper is an opportunity for cities to save money, and ultimately the tax payer. Additionally, the use of city websites for publication can increase the transparency of local government. City websites are available around-the-clock and can be updated quickly with existing staff resources.

For these reasons, the League requests the Committee pass HB 2247 out favorably to the full House for approval.