



MARYLAND MAYORS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Update on MML/MMA Legislative Priorities

THIS IS AN UPDATE ON THE END OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Confetti flew and balloons dropped at midnight on Monday, April 10, marking the end of the 2017 Maryland General Assembly session. This year's 90-day session, the third of the four-year term, was one of the busiest in terms of the variety of legislation introduced with impact on municipal government. MML's Legislative Committee took positions on a total of 71 bills, of which 26 were support positions, 18 were support with amendments, 19 were oppose positions, and 8 were in a "watch" category. Of the 71 bills monitored by MML staff, 17 bills in the support or support with amendments passed, while only two bills in the oppose and "watch" categories passed.

Highway User Revenues Update

For the eighth year in a row, the Maryland Municipal League membership selected as a League priority reinstatement of municipal highway user revenues (HURs) that have been diverted to the state. MML-requested legislation to bring HUR funding to prerecession levels over a two-year period failed to gain needed traction in both the Senate and the House. The Governor included in his proposed budget \$7.3 million in base HURs along with \$20.1 million in a one-year grant. The General Assembly approved the budget with the proposed municipal HUR funding levels, leaving municipal transportation funding at 61% of its historic prerecession high.

Stormwater Management

MML priority legislation to ensure that all levels of government pay a stormwater management fee cleared the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee on April 4th. The legislation will require that a local government and the State pay a municipal stormwater fee on properties owned and located within a municipality that imposes a stormwater fee. As amended, the legislation does allow a local government to exempt properties operating under a MS4 Stormwater permit if the local government that owns the property is mitigating for stormwater management on the property. The legislation still needs a favorable vote from the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to move forward for final approval. **Despite a strong push in the last week of the legislative session, MML's priority legislation to require payment of a local stormwater fee by all levels of government stalled in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.**

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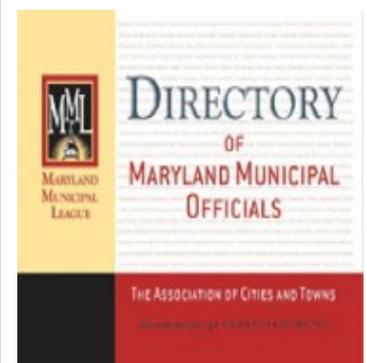
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**Important
DATE!**

**MML Convention J
une 25-29**

Fall Conference

October 11-14 in Rockville



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MMA CHAPTER CAPTAINS

Chapter Captain is a position to help keep MD Mayors informed and aware of what is happening in their local MML chapter as well as member communities, if need be. And, share information from the MMA to the local MML chapter. This would require a short 3-5 minute sharing of this information at our 3 meetings.

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More legislative session news:

Utility Communication and Coordination

The MML Utility subcommittee met with representatives from the State Highway Administration and various utility companies to discuss ways to improve communication and coordination of road and utility installations in cities and towns across the State. The outcome of the meeting was a commitment to work more closely with municipal officials when planning projects in the future. A session at the upcoming MML summer conference has been scheduled for Monday, June 26 from 4:30 – 5:30 to provide MML members with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with utility and SHA representatives..

NEWS AND NOTES

Proposed Language Change to Section 5: Vacancies

CURRENT LANGUAGE

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the vice-president shall become President. Other vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

In the event of a vacancy of President, First Vice President or Second Vice President, the current officers shall ascend into the position above them. This includes the position of Secretary moving into the 2nd Vice President position, in the event that position be vacated.

Upon ascension, all other vacancies shall be advertised to the voting membership of the Maryland Mayors Association within 15 days after an office has been vacated. Nominations will be received by the Executive Committee and filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee within 30 days after the office has been vacated.

Proposed Additional Chapter Captain Duties for 2017-2018

We have had some difficulty in coordinating legislative delegation meetings during the MMA Winter Conference.

In order to help us get more out of these meetings or to encourage your delegation to meet with the Mayors, it is proposed that we use captains to serve as the point of contact for the winter conference legislative delegations and keeping the Mayors in their area informed of how that process works.

Your feedback on this proposal will be needed at our June meeting in OC.

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