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## You need to know

- Session has concluded *Sine Die*. League legislative staff is currently working on developing *New Laws of Interest* highlighting the bills that impact cities in Iowa. If you are signed up to receive *Legislative Link*, you will be emailed this publication. It will also be available on the League's website under publications.
- Register for a webinar with Congresswoman Axne on Wednesday, May 26, where we'll discuss what's happening in DC, the American Rescue Plan, and possible future legislation. [Registration is required.](#)
- On/Off-Premise Signs: Does your city distinguish between on/off-premise signs? The International Municipal Lawyers Association is conducting a survey to determine how common this is. [Fill out the survey.](#)

## Legislation Passed in the Final Week- Note that this is not a complete list

### [SF 619](#) | Governor/Senate Tax Omnibus Phases Out Backfill

- Phases out the backfill for cities in either five or eight years, depending on valuation growth.
- Click here to download the phase-out list to determine if your city gets the five or eight-year schedule. Note: there are two tabs, one for each phase-out schedule.
- Implements a tax credit for persons over 70 and who earn less than 250% of the federal poverty level. This credit will result in fewer tax dollars for cities.

### [SF 342](#) | Public Safety Omnibus

- Amended by the Senate, which removed the accrued sick leave payout to public safety officers. It still contains qualified immunity, protections for officers from harassment and more.

### [HF 847](#) | Mask Preemption

- "A city shall not adopt an ordinance, motion, resolution or amendment or use any other means that requires the owner of real property to implement a policy relating to the use of facial coverings that is more stringent than a policy imposed by the state."



## Updates on the American Rescue Plan



Click this image on the front page of the League's website to go to the League's American Rescue Plan webpage.

### Updated Guidance from U.S. Department of Treasury

- [Interim Final Rule of COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide on COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)
- [Interim Final Rule Fact Sheet](#)
- [Treasury's webpage on COVID-19 Relief Funds](#)



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