

Happy New Year from CVR – The attorneys and staff of Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, P.C. wish all municipal officials, staff, and officers a safe and successful 2014!

Municipalities Must Provide Notice of Bond Issuances on Accountability Portal – A change to [Section 37.850 RSMo.](#) now requires that all political subdivisions, including municipalities, provide notice of and information about bond issuances on the state's online [Missouri Accountability Portal](#). At a minimum, municipalities must disclose information about the principal amount of the bonds, the date on which the bonds were issued, and a description of the revenue stream pledged to repay the bonds. This requirement applies to all bonds issued after August 28, 2013. Municipalities must provide this information within seven (7) days of closing on the bond transaction. In addition, this provision requires the information to be posted about any TIF obligations, including both TIF bonds and TIF notes. Furthermore, the provision arguably requires disclosure about all outstanding TIF obligations, including those issued prior to August 28, 2013.

Court of Appeals Deals Blows to Red Light Camera Enforcement – In a string of cases, the Missouri Court of Appeals raised doubts as to the viability of red light camera enforcement regimes. The Court invalidated red light camera ordinances in the Cities of Ellisville, Kansas City, and Arnold, concluding that in each of these three cities, the city ordinance conflicted with state law. Specifically, the Court held that since the ordinances, either directly or indirectly, did not provide for imposition of point penalties on an offender's driver license for an offense that was clearly a moving violation, the ordinances conflicted with state law requiring point penalties for moving violations. The court also questioned, in these and in two other opinions, whether the red light camera ordinances exceeded the cities' police power, and whether the true purpose of the ordinances was to impermissibly raise revenue. These issues were remanded to the trial courts and litigation on these points will continue. Cities that have red light camera enforcement programs are urged to review their ordinances and procedures in consultation with legal counsel in light of these opinions. The cases are [Unverferth v. City of Florissant](#), No. ED98511 (Sept. 10, 2013), [Ballard v. City of Creve Coeur](#), No. ED98320 (Oct. 1, 2013), [Edwards v. City of Ellisville](#), No. ED99389 (Nov. 5, 2013), [Damon v. City of Kansas City](#), No. WD75363 (Nov. 26, 2013), and [Brunner v. City of Arnold](#), No. ED99034 (Dec. 17, 2013).

Municipal Officials Training Academy Enters its Second Year! The Training Academy, which provides training directly to Missouri municipalities on Missouri local government topics that are chosen based on your comments, is launching its second year. The Academy offers convenient viewing options with webinar access and in-person attendance. Click [here](#) for more information about the Training Academy.

During its first year, the Training Academy offered training on 9 different topics, all of which may be viewed at the Training Academy's [webpage](#). Based on your comments, the Training Academy will run from 12:00-1:15 p.m. to allow more time for questions and plans to offer 10 training sessions on topics including Municipal Bonds, Planning and Zoning, ADA, Elections, Employment Law, and more.

Based on the success of the Academy and the contributions of the St. Louis County Municipal League, CVR, and our many speakers, an even lower seminar cost structure is being developed for 2014. **More information on cost structure and the January 23, 2014 topic and registration will be available in the next few weeks.**

Presentations by CVR Attorneys – The following recent educational presentations and resources from CVR attorneys are available for your review:

- [Sunshine Law](#) (St. Louis County Municipal Official Training Academy) – [Erin Seele](#)
- [Planning Realities of Jeff City: Review of the 2013 Legislative Session](#) (American Planning Association, Missouri Chapter State Conference) - [Ryan Moehlman](#)
- [Legalities of Planning and Zoning](#) (UMSL Chancellor's Certificate Program in Planning and Zoning) - [Dan Vogel](#)

Feedback – Please let us know how we are doing. If you have suggestions for improving these Municipal Issue Reports, please let us know at the contacts below.

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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines for Missouri Municipalities*

Jan. 1. – Furnish State Auditor report of bonds and coupons retired since the previous report.

Jan. 21 – End of candidate filing period for Municipal General Election.

Jan. 28 – Closing for receiving certification of election forms for the General Municipal Election.

Jan. 31 – File report with DED on previous year's revenue bond and general obligation bond issuances for Industrial Development Projects.

Jan. 31 – Send W-2s and 1099s to IRS; distribute to employees and services providers.

Feb. 28 – Report to DOR of businesses that have relocated within past year to TIF area or Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Act development area.

Mar. 5 – Notify DOR of ordinance opting-in to "Show Me Green" Appliance Sales Tax Holiday (at option of City).

*This list is not exhaustive. For the complete **Calendar of Procedural Deadlines for Missouri Municipalities**, click below:

[Jan. 1–Dec. 31 Fiscal Year](#)

[July 1–June 30 Fiscal Year](#)

Also see CVR's

[Annual Requirements for Missouri Municipal Special Purpose Entities](#)

Municipal Links

[Missouri Municipal League](#)

[St. Louis County Municipal League](#)

[Mid-America Regional Council \(KC Area\)](#)

[East-West Gateway Council of Governments](#)

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