

ESSENTIALS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS AND WEBSITES

SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

sog.unc.edu

As the largest university-based local government teaching, advisory, and research organization in the United States, the School offers up to 200 courses, webinars, and specialized conferences for more than 12,000 public officials each year. The School's website houses many resources including an online bookstore, training modules, tools, listservs, and blogs.

RESOURCES FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/city-and-county-elective-offices

This microsite covers the powers and responsibilities of North Carolina city council members, mayors, and county commissioners. The site gives local elected leaders a convenient way to learn about relevant programs, publications, and legislation.

ETHICS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/ethics-local-government-officials

North Carolina law requires the governing boards of cities, counties, local boards of education, unified governments, sanitary districts, and consolidated city-counties to adopt local codes of ethics, and it requires board members to receive ethics training after each election or re-election to office. The ethics microsite provides links to resources and training opportunities to assist local elected officials in complying with the legal requirements.

COATES' CANONS: NC LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW BLOG

canons.sog.unc.edu

This blog covers a broad range of legal issues affecting local governments and other public agencies in North Carolina. It also serves as a forum for discussion and provides a lasting resource for government officials, community groups, and citizens.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BLOG

ced.sog.unc.edu

This blog supports community and economic development efforts in North Carolina communities by focusing on relevant law, policy, and promising practices. Guest bloggers include School of Government faculty, research associates, and graduate interns working with the School's Community and Economic Development program.

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ncacc.org

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is the official voice of all 100 counties on issues being considered by the General Assembly, Congress, and federal and state agencies. Founded in 1908, the Association provides expertise to counties in the areas of lobbying, fiscal and legal research, communications, intergovernmental relations, information technology, field visits, and risk management services.

LOCAL ELECTED LEADERS

Academy

www.lela.unc.edu

The Local Elected Leaders Academy is a partnership with the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill, the NC Association of County Commissioners, and the NC League of Municipalities.

LOCAL ELECTED LEADERS ACADEMY

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The Local Elected Leaders Academy—a partnership with the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill, the NC Association of County Commissioners, and the NC League of Municipalities—offers local elected officials the knowledge and skills needed to lead and govern their communities in these challenging times. The Local Elected Leaders Academy microsite contains a training calendar, information about LELA credits and a related recognition program, and links to webinars, publications, and other resources for local elected officials.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

naco.org

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,069 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

readynclocal.org

ReadyNCLocal.org is a joint project between the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the North Carolina League of Municipalities. This website is devoted to helping local governments in North Carolina prepare for and recover from disasters of any kind. ReadyNCLocal.org is a “one-stop shop” for information both before and after an emergency occurs.

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