



Local Government Edition

If a city council member does not attend a meeting and has not been excused, she is recorded as voting yes.



A member of the governing board who has resigned from office effective on a date in the future has a right to vote on her replacement before the resignation becomes effective.



An invocation or prayer at a public meeting can be constitutional even if it includes sectarian content, such as prayer a prayer specifically mentioning Jesus Christ.



A town administrator has all of the same statutory powers as a town manager.



Individual board members do not have a right of access to personnel records.



Board members have no legal obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers during the public comment period.



Cities and counties that have adopted Robert's Rules are required to have a to have a second for every motion.

It is a violation of the open meetings law for one member of a public body to send an email with the rest of board all included in cc line.



The outgoing sheriff would like to purchase her vehicle. The county can sell it to her as long as she pays fair market value.



MYTHBUSTERS

It's illegal for a member of a public body to text or email with a member of the body, or with someone else attending the meeting, during the meeting.



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A city or county can remove members from their governing board by voting to reduce the number of members as authorized in state law.



When there is a conflict between a provision in a city charter and a state statute, the statute always governs.



A town can give its outgoing council members their town-issued cell phones as going-away presents.



There is no legal requirement for the clerk to be present in a closed session, but it's always good to have the clerk there to make sure the minutes and general accounts are properly prepared.



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