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2022

January 5 DHCD Issues Draft Compliance Guidelines for “MBTA Communities” and Multi-Family Zoning Requirements

2021

December 7 Opioid Settlement Update

November 15 American Rescue Plan Act Funded Projects and Expenses

October 14 PFAS Contamination Litigation Update

October 6 State Extends COVID-19 Sick Leave Fund - Employees remain eligible for paid sick leave through April 1, 2022

October 5 Status of National Opioid Settlement

September 10 U.S. Supreme Court Denies Further Extension of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Temporary Moratorium on Evictions

August 18 PFAS Litigation

August 4 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Extends Temporary Moratorium For Sixty Days

July 8 SCOTUS Leaves in Place Temporary Moratorium on Evictions through July 31, 2021

July 8 Supreme Judicial Court Decides Use of Single-Family Home for Short-Term Rentals Not Permissible Under Local Zoning Bylaw

June 18 State Establishes COVID-19 Sick Leave Fund – All Employees Eligible for Additional Week of Sick Leave

June 17 Extension of Pandemic-Related Relief Relative to Municipal Operations

June 14 Implication of the Pending Termination of the State of Emergency – Follow-Up

June 7 Implication of the Pending Termination of the State of Emergency

May 25 Current Issues Regarding Alcohol Licensing

March 29 Revised Capacity Limits for Public Meetings/Hearings

March 22 Governor Baker Updates the State Travel Order, the State Gatherings Order, and Advances all Communities to Phase IV of the Re-Opening Plan

February 26 Governor Announces Transition in Reopening Plan for all Municipalities

February 26 Notice to Quit and Eviction Actions Updated

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- February 16 State Enacts Extensive Police Reform Legislation Establishes new “POST” Commission, Police Officer Certification System, and Law Enforcement Standards
- February 5 COVID-19 capacity restrictions adjusted effective Monday, February 8, 2021
- February 1 New Requirements for Notice to Quit for Non-Payment of Rent and Changes to the Summary Process Rules and Procedures
- February 1 Housing Choice Act of 2020 Update
- January 22 Announcement of Temporary Revisions to COVID-19 Safety Measures - Updated
- January 20 MMA Annual Meeting - January 21 and 22, 2021
- January 8 Announcement of Temporary Revisions to COVID-19 Safety Measures

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2020

- December 29 Expiration of Families First Coronavirus Response Act Paid Leave Provisions
- December 24 Governor Announces Temporary Revisions to COVID-19 Measures Effective December 26, 2020
- December 17 Labor and Employment Issues Concerning the COVID-19 Vaccine
- December 16 Desrosiers v. Baker – Important Supreme Judicial Court Decision Upholding Governor’s Authority During the COVID-19 State of Emergency
- December 7 Fraudulent and Improper Unemployment Claims
- November 16 Important Update on Time Frame for Action on Land Use Applications (Updated November 16, 2020)
- November 13 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals – November 2020
- November 12 Governor Signs New Executive Orders Relative to COVID-19 (Updated November 12, 2020)
- November 12 Important Update on Time Frame for Action on Land Use Applications
- August 7 Governor Baker Issues Updated Gatherings Order, Effective August 11, 2020
- July 31 Implementation of Governor Baker’s Post-Travel Quarantine Order, effective August 1, 2020
- June 6 Latest COVID-19 Related Municipal Relief Legislation
- June 2 Governor Baker’s 6/1/20 Order on Outdoor Dining
- May 18 Governor Issues Reopening Plan and Related Executive Order
- May 6 Governor Baker Issues Guidance Allowing Use of Non-Essential Workers for Remote Fulfillment
- May 4 General Court Deliberating New Emergency Act Regarding Conduct of Town Meeting and City Budget Procedures
- April 28 Use of Electronic Signature and “Virtual” Notarization
- April 22 Governor Extends School and Day Care Closure Orders
- April 22 Legislature Passes Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium
- April 15 Additional Municipal Relief Legislation Passed Chapter 56 of the Acts of 2020

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- April 3 Land Use Permitting Deadline Extensions: Municipal Relief Legislation (Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020)
- April 3 Municipal Relief Legislation Passed by State Legislature
- April 3 Updated Process for Continuing Town Meeting
- April 1 Important Update Regarding Effective Date of Families First Coronavirus Response
- March 30 COVID-19 Emergency Response: General Court Authorizes Postponement of Elections
- March 23 Order Assuring Continued Operations of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibited Gatherings of More than 10 People
- Exhibit A to Order, COVID-19 Essential Services Listing
 - DPH Revised Guidance Regarding Assemblies
- March 21 COVID-19 Employment and Labor Law FAQ (UPDATED in light of enactment of Families First Coronavirus Response Act and superseding prior FAQs)
- March 21 COVID-19 Open Meeting Law and Public Records Implications
- March 21 Land Use Permitting FAQ
- March 19 Postponement of Local Elections (update)
- March 16 COVID-19 Emergency Response: Implementation of Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law
- March 16 COVID-19 Update
- Sample Declaration of Emergency
- March 13 Postponing Annual Town Elections
- Sample Letter to Governor Re: Special Act to Postpone Elections
 - Sample Special Legislation to Postpone Election (Single Municipality)
 - Sample Special Legislation to Postpone Election (All Municipalities)
- March 13 Governor Baker Issues Order Temporarily Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law
- March 11 Considerations for Municipalities and Government Entities Implicated by Novel Coronavirus COVID-19
- March 11 Process for Continuing Town Meeting (Updated 2020)
- March 11 Emergency Powers of Municipalities (Updated 2020)

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- March 11 Guidance for Board of Health Re: COVID-19
- March 3 Coronavirus Legal Resources for Public Entities
- March 3 Upcoming Free Seminars, Presented by KP Law, P.C.
- February 3 MMA 2020 Annual Meeting Recap
- January 22 Criminal History Background Checks for Public School Employment FAQs
- January 22 Criminal Offender Record Information FAQs
- January 22 Entering Private property to Conduct Inspections
- January 22 Authorizing a Home Rule Petition
- January 22 Guidelines for Initial Handling of Claims or Lawsuits
- January 22 Open Meeting Law – Preparing Your Meeting Notice
- January 22 Participation in Executive Session
- January 22 Tips for Negotiating Municipal Recycling Contracts in a Changing Marketplace
- January 22 Calculation of Majority Votes
- January 22 New FCC Rule Regarding Small Wireless Facilities (5G Technology)
- January 22 Cannabis Control Commission Regulatory Amendments Impacting Municipalities
- January 22 New central Database of CDL Drivers with Past Drug and Alcohol Testing Violations
- January 22 Reminder – Changes to Federal Overtime Regulations Now in Effect
- January 22 Reviewing Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Ordinances

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2019

- October 1 Final Changes to Federal Overtime Regulations
- October 1 PFML Payroll and Wage Withholdings Begin Oct 1st
- September 27 Janus Response Union Dues and Fees
- September 25 DPH Issues Emergency Order Banning Sale and Display of Vaping Products
- July 31 Supreme Judicial Court Amicus Brief Requests - July, 2019
- July 11 New Employer Obligations Imposed by Paid Family and Medical Leave Act - Part 2
- July 11 New Employer Obligations Imposed by Paid Family and Medical Leave Act - Part 1
- July 1 Good Bye FY2019 / Hello FY2020
- May 3 New Federal Communication Commission Rule Regarding Small Wireless Facilities
- April 24 Attorney Jackie Cowin Appointed Associate Justice
- March 18 Memorandum to Municipal Clients
- February 21 Opioid Litigation
- January 21 Tax Title Practice Group Update
- January 18 The Open Meeting Law and Social Media Pitfalls
- January 18 Emergency Powers of Municipalities
- January 18 Open Meeting Law Update
- January 18 Sample Notice Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- January 18 New Law Taxing and Regulating Short-Term Rentals
- January 18 Short-Term Rental Law – Key Provisions
- January 18 OSHA Standards: Applicability to Public Sector Employment
- January 18 SJC Upholds Broad Termination for Convenience Clause in Public Contracts
- January 18 Public Records Law – Update
- January 18 Public Records Law – Best Practices
- January 18 New Municipal Bond Continuing Disclosure Rules Adopted
- January 18 An Act Protecting Youth from the Health Risks of Tobacco and Nicotine Addiction
- January 18 Firearms Licensing Update: Red Flag Law
- January 17 MMA Annual Meeting

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2018

- August 17 Designer Selection Thresholds Adjusted as of June 15, 2018
- June 30 U.S. Supreme Court Declares Public Sector Agency Fees Unconstitutional under First Amendment
- March 29 Pregnant Workers Fairness Act Written Notice to Employees
- March 26 Employment Implications of the Expanded Massachusetts Employee Safety Law
- March 15 Water Infrastructure Projects – Pending Legislation
- March 12 Storm Tomorrow – Election Related Deadlines, Zoning Hearings, and More
- February 14 Sick Leave Pay is Not Wages Under the Massachusetts Wage Act
- January 19 A Guide to the Law Legalizing Non-Medical Marijuana – January, 2018
- January 19 Automobile Dealer Licensing
- January 19 Cannabis Control Commission Draft Regulations – 935 CMR 500.00 A Municipal Top 10 List
- January 19 General Laws Chapter 40U – Alternate Process for Collection of Certain Fines
- January 19 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy SAMPLE
- January 19 Emergency Powers of Municipalities
- January 19 Entertainment Licensing
- January 19 Equal Employment Opportunity and Anti-Discrimination and Harassment Policy
- January 19 Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Zoning Practice
- January 19 Non-Medical Marijuana by the Unofficial Numbers
- January 19 Open Meeting Law Update – January, 2018
- January 19 Proposition 2 ½ Part I – A Practical Guide
- January 19 Proposition 2 ½ Part II – Contingent Appropriations
- January 19 The Evolving Interpretation of Article 97 – Smith v. Westfield
- January 19 The Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- January 16 KP Law Joins Leading Local and National Law Firms Pursuing Opioid Litigation on Behalf of Massachusetts Municipalities
- January 8 SJC Affirms Authority of Cities and Towns to Regulate Land Use for Private Aircraft

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2017

- October 16 Important Changes to the Open Meeting Law
- September 19 Employment Implications of the Massachusetts Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- August 17 An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana – A Guide to the Revised Law Legalizing Recreational Use of Marijuana
- August 2 SJC Issues Important Ruling Concerning Employee Off-Duty Use of Medical Marijuana
- July 27 Solar Energy “SMART” Program
- June 22 Preparation of Public Records Guidelines – Deadline of July 1, 2017
- May 12 Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Laws Violation Letters – Olaf Zwickau, Air Solutions & Balancing LLC
- January 20 Denial of Licenses for Non-Payment of Certain Municipal Charges – Amendment to G.L. c.40 §57
- January 20 G.L. c.41 §111F (Injured on Duty Benefits) FAQ
- January 20 Implications for Public Employers – The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act
- January 20 KTT, LLC v. Board of Assessors of the Town of Swansea
- January 20 Municipal Modernization Act – A Practical Guide
- January 20 Municipal Modernization Act – Public Procurement and Contracting
- January 20 Municipal Modernization Act – Tax Administration
- January 20 Open Meeting Law and Social Media – Potential Pitfalls
- January 20 Public Building Construction Projects – Issues for Consideration When Drafting Warrant Articles
- January 20 The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act – A Guide to the New Law Legalizing Recreational Use of Marijuana

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2016

- December 1 Chapter 40B Recent Developments
- November 28 The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act
- November 23 Preliminary Injunction Enjoins Implementation of New Department of Labor Overtime Rule
- November 2 Recent Amendments to Chapter 40A
- August 17 New Law Requires Equal Pay for Comparable Work
- August 12 State Regulation of App-Based Transportation Network Companies
- July 13 Legislative Update – An Act relative to Transgender Anti-Discrimination
- June 28 The New Public Records Law
- June 6 Final Changes to Federal Overtime Regulations
- May 12 Anticipated Changes to Federal Overtime Regulations
- April 21 New Law Raises Net Metering Caps and Dept. of Energy Resources Issues
Emergency "SREC" Regulations
- March 15 Emergency Regulation Reducing Fees for Copies
- January 22 Cable Rate Regulation by Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
- January 22 Community Preservation Act – Update on Pathways
- January 22 Construction Manager At-Risk Contracts Implications of Coughlin Electrical Contractors, Inc. v. Gilbane Building Company
- January 22 Is The Sun Setting on Solar in Massachusetts?
- January 22 Massachusetts Federal Courts Strike Down Panhandling Ordinances as Unconstitutional
- January 22 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Watch
- January 22 Open Meeting Law 2015 Recap
- January 22 A Practical Guide to New Reporting Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act
- January 22 Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona – U.S. Supreme Court Addresses Limitations on Content-Based Municipal Sign Codes

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2015

- December 2 Change in Promotional Selection Procedure May Trigger Bargaining Obligations
- September 8 Installing GPS Technology in Municipal Vehicles May Be a Mandatory Subject of Bargaining
- September 2 Supreme Judicial Court Invalidates Sex Offender Residency Ordinance
- July 9 Webinar: Tax Title Foreclosure Basics
- May 21 Massachusetts Appeals Court Rejects Contractor Claim for Equitable Adjustment
- March 20 Supreme Judicial Court Rules Lots Created under the So-Called “Existing Structures Exemption” of G.L. c41, §81L Are Not Entitled to G.L. c.40A, §6 Grandfather Protection
- February 5 Bargaining with Unions Over Retiree Health Insurance Benefits
- January 26 Winter Storm Juno – Cancellation or Continuation of Town Meetings
- January 23 New Laws Impact Local Alcohol Licenses and Self-Distribution
- January 22 Taxable Status of Property Owned by a Non-Profit Conservation Organization
- January 22 Applicability and Impact of Impending Tax Under the ACA
- January 22 New Parental Leave Act
- January 22 Labor and Employment Update
- January 22 Continuing Town Meeting – Inclement Weather Policy
- January 22 Changes to Massachusetts Campaign Finance Law
- January 22 Appeals Court Decision Clarifies Variance Requirements for Altering or Expanding Nonconforming Single- and Two-Family Dwellings
- January 22 New FCC Rule Impacting Wireless Facilities
- January 21 New Procurement Law May Make Solar-Wind Projects Faster
- January 21 Appellate Tax Board Decision of 45 Solar Tax Exemption
- January 21 Abandoned Property Ordinances
- January 12 Expanded Gaming Act – Community Mitigation Fund and Reserve Fund Eligibility; Commission Releases Guidelines and Sets February 2, 2015 Application Deadline
- January 5 Massachusetts Minimum Wage Law

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2014

- November 18 Domestic Violence Leave Act – Sample Employee Policy
- November 7 Massachusetts Paid Sick Leave Law
- October 10 Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure – New Funding Opportunities
- August 28 An Act Relative to Domestic Violence
- August 22 Early Sunday Hours for Package Store Licenses
- August 21 Responding to WGBH News’ Request for FY13 and FY14 Payroll
- August 8 Recent Amendments to G.L. c.30B
- July 17 Town Meeting Lacks Authority to Adjust HMO Premium Contributions
- May 9 SJC Allows Police to Render Emergency Assistance to Animals
- March 11 Webinar: What Municipalities and Public Entities Should Know about CORI Reform in Massachusetts
- February 3 2014 Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting Handouts
- January 31 New State Ethics Commission Regulation
- January 7 Webinar: Public and Private Ways: Navigating Your Way Through the Law on Highways & Byways

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2013

- September 19 Upcoming Deadlines for Requirements Under the Affordable Care Act
- July 31 Regulation of Medical Marijuana-Related Uses: Last of a Three Part Series
- July 31 Regulation of Medical Marijuana-Related Uses: Second in a Three Part Series
- July 31 Draft Model Medical Marijuana Overlay District Bylaw
- July 31 Regulation of Medical Marijuana-Related Uses: First in a Three Part Series
- July 19 Amendment to G.L. c.30B
- June 26 Updated Sexual Harassment Policy and Sample Anti-Discrimination Policy
- May 3 Expanded Gaming Act Update
- March 25 Use of CPA Funds Appropriated Prior to July 1, 2012, for Acquisition of Artificial Turf
- March 21 Webinar: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Town Meeting but Were Afraid to Ask
- March 14 Medical Marijuana Update – Attorney General Approves Moratorium and Disapproves Ban
- February 6 Emergency Legislation Authorizing Rescheduling of Certain Municipal Elections
- February 4 United States Court of Appeals Vacates \$14 Million + Verdict
- February 4 Medical Marijuana Update - Status of Department of Public Health Regulations
- January 25 First Community E-Update for 2013
- January 3 Medical Marijuana Update - Temporary Zoning Moratorium (w/ attachments)



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