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2024

- September 12 Recent Treasury Guidance Offers New Flexibility Concerning ARPA Funds
- August 30 State Primary
- August 26 Recent Changes in Tax Title Foreclosure Procedures
- August 22 An Act Relative to Salary Range Transparency
- August 13 An Act Relative to the Affordable Homes Act
- July 24 Supreme Court Issues Guidance on Use of Social Media
- July 8 Fair Labor Standards Act – United States Department of Labor’s April 23, 2024 Final Rule, Effective July 1, 2024
- June 28 New Developments Regarding Marijuana Host Community Agreements
- June 3 Alcoholic Beverages Licensing – Recent Changes in Law
- May 15 Massachusetts Superior Court Rules Tax Title Statute Unconstitutional
- May 7 Opioid Litigation Update re: PBM filing deadline
- February 23 PFAS Litigation Updates and Deadlines
- January 19 Cannabis Control Commission Regulatory Amendments Impacting Municipalities (Part I)
- January 19 Cannabis Control Commission Regulatory Amendments Impacting Municipalities (Part II)
- January 19 Cannabis Control Commission Regulatory Amendments Impacting Municipalities (Part III)
- January 19 EOHLIC Updates to Compliance Guidelines for MBTA Communities
- January 19 Recent Open Meeting Law Decisions
- January 19 Municipal Finance Law Updates
- January 19 Constitutional Considerations in 2024
- January 19 Navigating the Uncertainty Over Tax Title Surplus Proceeds: DLS Offers Interim Guidance to Municipalities and Local Finance Officials
- January 19 SJC Extends “Totality of the Circumstances” Test in Determining Whether Land is Held for Specific Municipal Purpose
- January 19 Conflict of Interest Law – Hiring or Supervising Family Members



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2023

- September 11 FY 24 State Budget Change to Standards for Investment of Trust Funds in Municipalities
- July 11 Initial Policies and Procedures to Promote Equity in the Cannabis Industry
- June 12 Important Information Regarding Your Water District Contamination Claim
- June 12 U.S. Supreme Court Decision Casts Doubt on Tax Foreclosure Sales in Massachusetts
- May 2 Notice to Quit and Eviction Actions
- March 30 Pandemic Related Legal Updates
- March 8 SJC Declares Public Comment Policy Unconstitutional
- February 24 Appeals Court Holds Procedural Process for Selecting Fire Chief Falls Outside of Union's Bargaining Powers
- February 16 Legislative Update: Codification of Requirements for Disposition or Alternative Use of Property and Interests Subject to Article 97
- January 20 Evolution of a Chapter 40B Project
- January 20 Process for Amending a Zoning Bylaw or Ordinance
- January 20 Votes Act: Summary
- January 20 Legislative Update: Renewable Energy and Agricultural Land
- January 20 DHCD Issues Final Compliance Guidelines for MBTA Communities
- January 20 Legislative Update: Uniform Procurement Act and Municipal Finance Laws for School Districts
- January 20 Marijuana Reform: Parts I and II
- January 20 Opioid Settlements: Allocation of Funds
- January 20 Alcohol Licensing: Current Issues
- January 20 POST Commission Regulations: Update

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2022

- November 8 PFAS Fall 2022 Update
- October 19 An Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry – Marijuana Reform Part II
- October 12 Supreme Judicial Court Finds Local Zoning Prohibition on Solar Energy Systems Unlawful
- October 4 Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act Prohibition of Discrimination Based on Hairstyle and other Traits Historically Associated with Race
- September 6 An Act Relative To Equity In the Cannabis Industry - Marijuana Reform
- August 11 Supreme Judicial Court Upholds General Bylaw Prohibiting Marijuana Establishments
- July 26 Impacts of Recent Supreme Court Decision on Massachusetts Firearms Licensing for Police Departments
- July 15 Open Meeting Law Legislative Update as of July 14, 2022
- July 13 Open Meeting Law Legislative Update – Practical Considerations
- June 23 Temporary Lifting of Cap on Retiree Earnings
- May 16 SCOTUS – Boston’s Flag-Raising Decision Unconstitutional
- April 6 State Extends Pandemic-Era Outdoor Table Service and Alcohol To Go Provisions
- April 6 Allocation of Recoveries from Statewide Opioid Settlements
- March 9 American Rescue Plan Act Funded Projects and Expenses Updated
- March 3 Pandemic-Related Legal Updates: Town Meeting, Mass. Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and more
- January 5 DHCD Issues Draft Compliance Guidelines for “MBTA Communities” and Multi-Family Zoning Requirements

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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
- 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



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- 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sample Declaration of Emergency
March 13	Postponing Annual Town Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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