

DMMC Managers:

For Managers unable to attend today's conference call on Information Sharing, the following summary is provided:

Agenda:

1. Commuter Parking Permits
  2. Federal Funding (how Stimulus package will affect local governments)
  3. Financial Response and Strategies
  4. Other Issues
  5. Next Call
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1. Commuter Parking Permits (handling any refunds)
    - a. What are municipalities doing regarding quarterly permits as commuters are receiving refunds from Metra?
      - i. One municipality stated that they are issuing refunds.
      - ii. One municipality stated that they are not issuing refunds.
      - iii. One municipality stated that they are not issuing refunds but allowing for a discount on next quarter commuter parking.
      - iv. One municipality is sending out letters to commuters stating their permits are valid 2 weeks past the quarterly end date for the duration of the stay at home order.
      - v. One municipality is allowing current permits to extend into July with no additional charge.
      - vi. Two municipalities are helping commuters turn off auto-renew but not issuing refunds.
      - vii. One municipality is looking into using their current Metra parking app to allow residents to also purchase refuse stickers that go on sale on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, residents can only purchase these stickers from a store.
      - viii. One municipality will allow residents to mail a check to order refuse stickers.
      - ix. One municipality stated that their refuse vendor is allowing a 2-week holiday for the need for refuse stickers
  2. Federal Funding (how Stimulus package will affect local governments)
    - a. An update was provided from the IML Managers Committee. The Stimulus package contains \$4.9 billion for local governments with a 45% cap for a municipality with over 500 million residents (Chicago). IML is requesting the remainder be distributed based on a per capital basis. The 500 million residents number was a federally established benchmark.
      - i. Three municipalities stressed that this funding is a top priority. For example, a majority of local government revenue is consumer driven, whereas school districts and park districts are property tax driven, which makes this local government funding from the Stimulus package is a priority.

- ii. Staff from U.S. Sen. Duckworth's office committed to giving DMMC details on municipal impact for local governments as soon as its final. DMMC will share info when available.
- iii. IML discussed their Springfield Lobby Day and wants to keep those dates to be prepared to do a virtual drive down.
- iv. One municipality began the process of reimbursements from the Stimulus and are being advised by IEMA but are very early in the process.

### 3. Financial Response and Strategies

- a. Three municipalities discussed how they are compiling strategies of expense reductions by establishing a priority order. There was further discussion on furlough, layoffs, and revenue loss projections.

### 4. Other Issues

- a. One municipality brought up refuse contracts and their refuse vendor's suspension of yard waste pick up and asked if any other municipalities plan to push back on this.
  - i. One municipality discussed this with that vendor and the vendor stated that this suspension is going to last no longer than 2 weeks but if it goes beyond 2 weeks then the municipality expects that there will be a refund to the residents.
  - ii. One municipality will forward DMMC some questions and replies from that refuse vendor.
- b. A question was raised as to how others are handling FFCRA. Applying to all? Opting out for some/all? One municipality is studying it and doesn't see a need for it at this time as they continue to pay employees.
  - i. One municipality will not exempt police and fire as FFCRA benefits are less than what they are already giving.
  - ii. One municipality plans to exclude sworn firefighters and Fire Marshall's office as first responders. On the PD side, they are currently leaning towards excluding all sworn personnel. They also heard from FOP union who do not want to use their accruals.
  - iii. Three municipalities excluded all Emergency Responders from coverage under the FFCRA.
  - iv. Two municipalities did not exclude first responders.
  - v. Two municipalities are looking for direction from their Village Board to include both police and public works but reserve the right to exclude.
  - vi. Consensus amongst members is to maintain staffing levels as municipalities want to make sure there is enough patrol officers to meet staffing requirements.
  - vii. A question was asked if anyone is considering exempting entire work force from the Act?
    - 1. One municipality was advised by attorneys that they cannot do that however, this question will be forwarded to Karl Ottosen for discussion on next week's webinar.

- c. For those meeting electronically regarding budget, zoning or other public hearings, are you not moving forward?
    - i. Municipalities responded that they are still moving forward electronically.
    - ii. Two municipalities were advised by their attorneys that they cannot delay their budget hearings at this time and can move forward with a conference call to approve.
    - iii. Another municipality plans to approve their May 1 budget on time. They had a public hearing on March 16 and are moving forward and have not heard back from IML as to whether they can delay approval.
  - d. A reminder that DMMC will host a Families First Coronavirus Response Act Webinar presented by Karl Ottosen on Monday, March 30 at 2:00 PM. Questions raised regarding the FFCRA will be forwarded to Karl Ottosen. Contact Joe Breinig if you have any questions.
5. 28 Managers participated on this DMMC Managers Information Sharing call. Please note the time change, the next DMMC Managers Information Sharing call will be held on **Wednesday April 1 at 8:45 am.**