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Legislative & Trending News for Local Governments

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Trending Legislative Topics

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Be sure to follow us on **Twitter** for timely legislative and local government news!

Summer is upon us, and so are legislative topics associated with tourism, vacations and outdoor activities. But the latest municipal news also shows that non-seasonal subjects are still top of mind as well…

- **Shark Fishing and Chumming Ban** (via WNCT9)
- **Unattended Beach Equipment** (via WCTI12)
- **Pedal Pubs** (via Journal Star)
- **Flavored Tobacco Sales** (via CBS Minnesota)
- **Tiny Houses** (via NorthJersey.com)
- **Recycling Service** (via TribLive)
- **Picketing** (via Orlando Weekly)

General Code clients: Have you adopted new legislation or updated your ordinances recently? Be sure to submit your latest updates to us at **EZSupp@generalcode.com**. Contact us toll-free at **(800) 836-8834** if you have questions.

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Supreme Court Decisions - How Will They Affect Local Government?

US Supreme Court

The most recent term of the Supreme Court has ended, and many significant decisions that were handed down will now affect local government practices. To help understand the impacts of these decisions on local goverments, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has issued a list of summaries on its website.

Topics include:

- Altering Sign Codes Nationwide
- Fair Housing
- Government Speech
- Hotel Registries
- Religious Accommodations
- Excessive Force
- Accommodating Disability During Arrest
- Double Taxing Income

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Social Media for Local Government

Is this the future of local government? A small town in Spain has recently become the talk of the social media world. Its use of Twitter, in particular, to achieve civic engagement is innovative and appears to be helping to cut down on bureaucratic inefficiencies. Do you think your municipality could be helped by a greater use of social media?

Learn more about the Twitter revolution in Jun, Spain and how it might help your local government to engage your citizens more effectively: "Welcome to Jun, the town that ditched bureaucracy to run on Twitter."

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Maximize Your eCode!

For more info check out our new *eCode Quick Reference Cards*. Available in the eCode Help section under FAQs at ecode360.com/help/faq

Do you find yourself repeatedly telling people the same information about the same part of your eCode? Do you wish you could link to a document or resource outside of your eCode for your citizens to reference quickly? Check out the FAQ section of your eCode for a Quick Reference Card about the 'Notes' feature.

Attend one of our FREE informational and interactive webinars, too! View our schedule of upcoming webinars.

Don't have *ecode360* yet? See it in action! Check out our latest local government customers who give their citizens online access to their municipal codes:

- McLean County, IL
- Town of Newbury, MA
- City of Bonne Terre, MO
- City of Excelsior Springs, MO
- City of Hollister, MO
- Borough of Somerdale, NJ
- Township of Eagleswood, NJ
- Township of Morris, NJ
- Village of Athens, NY
- Borough of Columbia, PA
- Borough of Slippery Rock, PA
- Township of Lower Moreland, PA
- Township of Penn, PA
- Township of Union, PA
- Village of East Troy, WI

General Code on the Road

Michael Peter stands with Andre Reed, former Buffalo Bills player and NFL Hall of Famer, during the 2015 Pennsylvania Municipal League conference in Reed's hometown of Allentown, Pa.

It has been a fantastic year for conferences so far! Our Reps have been on the road attending 25 or more municipal association events in multiple states.

Thank you to everyone who took time out to visit with us and hear about the exciting news of our latest *eCode360* features and to discuss your 'general' codification needs.

With summer in full swing, the conference schedule has lightened up. So we're hard at work developing even more great features to share with you when we hit the road again as events begin gearing up near the end of August.

Until then, **Happy Summer from all of us at General Code**, and we invite you to check out our **Facebook** page for photos from our recent travels.

Celebrating Our Clients

Look what our clients have been up to lately!

Congratulations to Donna Lent, Clerk of the **Town of Brookhaven**, who was awarded the *2015 Cheryl Steinbach Scholarship* at this year's NYALGRO (New York Association of Local Government Records Officers) conference.

General Code President Gary Domenico welcomes North Wildwood, New Jersey's City Clerk Scott Jett and his wife Juanita to our office.

A number of our clients were recognized as *2015 Playful City USA Communities*. Playful City USA Communities 'utilize play as an innovative solution to address a number of challenges facing kids, families and communities.' Clients named to the list include: **City of Saco, ME**, **City of Chicopee, MA**, **City of Fall River, MA, City of Chesterfield, MO, City of Excelsior Springs, MO, Hamilton Township, NJ, Lower Township, NJ, City of Rahway, NJ, South Orange Village Township, NJ, City of Las Cruces, NM, City of Albany, NY, City of Geneva, NY, Bethlehem Township, PA, Borough of Indiana, PA, York Township, PA, Village of Bellevue, WI, and Town of Milton, WI**.

The *2015 Digital Counties Survey* by the National Association of
Counties and the Center for Digital Government honoring
the most innovative, pioneering Digital Counties was
announced this week. Five of our clients made the list!
Congratulations to **Dona Ana County, NM, Tompkins County,
NY, Baltimore County, MD, Oneida County, NY** and **Charles
County, MD** on this great achievement.

For more cool stories about our fantastic clients in Michigan,
New Hampshire, Connecticut and other states, check out our
board on Pinterest!

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Customer Connection

Thank you to the following municipalities for choosing to
partner with us on your current codification projects!

- **Village of New Baden, IL**
- **Town of Dartmouth, MA**
- **City of Corunna, MI**
- **City of Lapeer, MI**
- **City of Foley, MO**
- **City of Kimberling City, MO**
- **City of Napoleon, MO**
- **Township of Cranford, NJ**
- **Village of Port Jefferson, NY**
- **Village of Woodridge, NY**

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