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The deadline for the Fall 2024 issue is September 30, 2024.

MANAGING EDITOR'S NOTE

Who says that Summer is the time to relax. Not for attorneys and certainly does not apply to local government law attorneys. We have a bevy of case summaries this edition covering all sorts of matters from employment to zoning to taxation. There have also been a number of reported as well as unreported cases are on major topics affecting the nature of our practice. We, the editors, are very proud to be of assistance to our fellow practitioners to break them down into bite-sized chunks so that we all are able to provide the best input and guidance to our clients.

We have included again a timely article written by Kathryn Razin on the monumental changes in affordable housing. This article is chock full of obligations and dates to watch out for in the next several months that will significantly impact the communities you represent. I strongly recommend reading it and using it as a guidepost for your future consultations on compliance with the new law.

There is also a rundown provided by Steve Goodell on new OPRA provisions. We should be aware that a number of definitions have been changed. More importantly, the State has finally recognized the overwhelming burden placed on Municipal Clerks and other record custodians. While some out there feel this will lead to lack of transparency, they are obviously wrong. Once you read Steve's outline, it will be abundantly clear that OPRA is alive and well, just nudged slightly towards acknowledging the reality of compliance.

Again, we encourage you to consider submitting an article that qualifies for the \$1,000 Walter T. Wittman Prize in writing. To qualify you now have until **September 15, 2024**, to submit

an article to us. We would welcome any articles concerning the legal issues effecting local governments. Contact us about it by email to joe@friendwenzel.com.

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