

## **Nebraska Basic Code**

A new feature of the supplement service, starting with the 2005 legislative changes, is the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances (NBC). This is a complete and comprehensive model code of ordinances based specifically on the Nebraska Statutes and designed exclusively for the needs of small cities and villages in Nebraska. Program members will receive new complete and up-to-date NBC code books each year rather than the previous packets of model ordinances that require substantial work and time on the part of the municipality. In the alternative, program members can opt to receive a customized statutory update for their custom code.

Municipal officials will no longer have to sort through stacks of model ordinances to decide which ones to adopt. And each year's annual NBC will be fully codified with all previous years' legislation so that municipalities will never have to worry if their books contain the correct pages or are up-to-date.

The NBC contains a section reserved for local ordinances specific and unique to each municipality that can be codified as code supplements as with the current system.

Municipalities that prefer to retain their fully customized codes can continue to do so. Instead of receiving the new NBC each year, custom code municipalities will receive an annual customized statutory review of their code, detailing specific recommendations for bringing the local code into compliance with new state law.

The League and American Legal have arranged for the costs of this substantially enhanced service to be phased in over three years, at a total cost significantly lower than municipalities in other states pay for their model codes. 2005 program members will pay just \$450 for the complete new service, with incremental increases over the following two years.