

# LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

## LMA SERVICE AWARDS POLICY

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Created by the LMA Executive Board, these service awards honor elected municipal officials who have served sufficiently well to earn continual and repeated re-election to positions of authority in their respective municipalities. Indeed, election to a position of municipal authority is a great honor and privilege. But re-election is an extremely high honor reflecting the trust and confidence each long-term municipal official has earned through many years of dedicated public service. These Service Awards pay fitting tribute to such unparalleled achievement.

### Service Award Eligibility

Only elected officials of the governing authorities of incorporated municipalities in the State of Louisiana which are members in good standing of the Louisiana Municipal Association are eligible to receive service awards.

Election to determine recipients of service awards must be held and promulgated before the last day of each year's annual LMA convention. *Elections must be successful but need not be successive or for the same office each time.*

### Service Award Criteria

- a. LMA Service Awards are granted to municipal officials beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> elected term
- b. after 4 elected terms, the award is given each additional 2 terms (4, 6, 8, 10, etc terms)
- c. only elected terms qualify; no appointed terms qualify
- d. if elected for less than 4 years (partial elected term to fill vacancy), it is still considered an elected term
- e. the official or their municipality (clerk) must notify the LMA in writing of the qualification prior to the Annual Convention, but notification must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be recognized at Annual Convention. If submitted after July 1<sup>st</sup>, service award will not be awarded at Annual Convention.
- f. written notification shall include the title(s) of municipal positions held and terms served (council, mayor)
- g. terms need not be consecutive
- h. Awards will be presented at the Delegates' Luncheon at the LMA Annual Convention each year.  
If recipient is not present, their award will be sent to them

In order to more clearly define this procedure for future recipients, **the preceding Policy was proposed and adopted by the LMA Executive Board at its August 1, 2012 meeting.**