

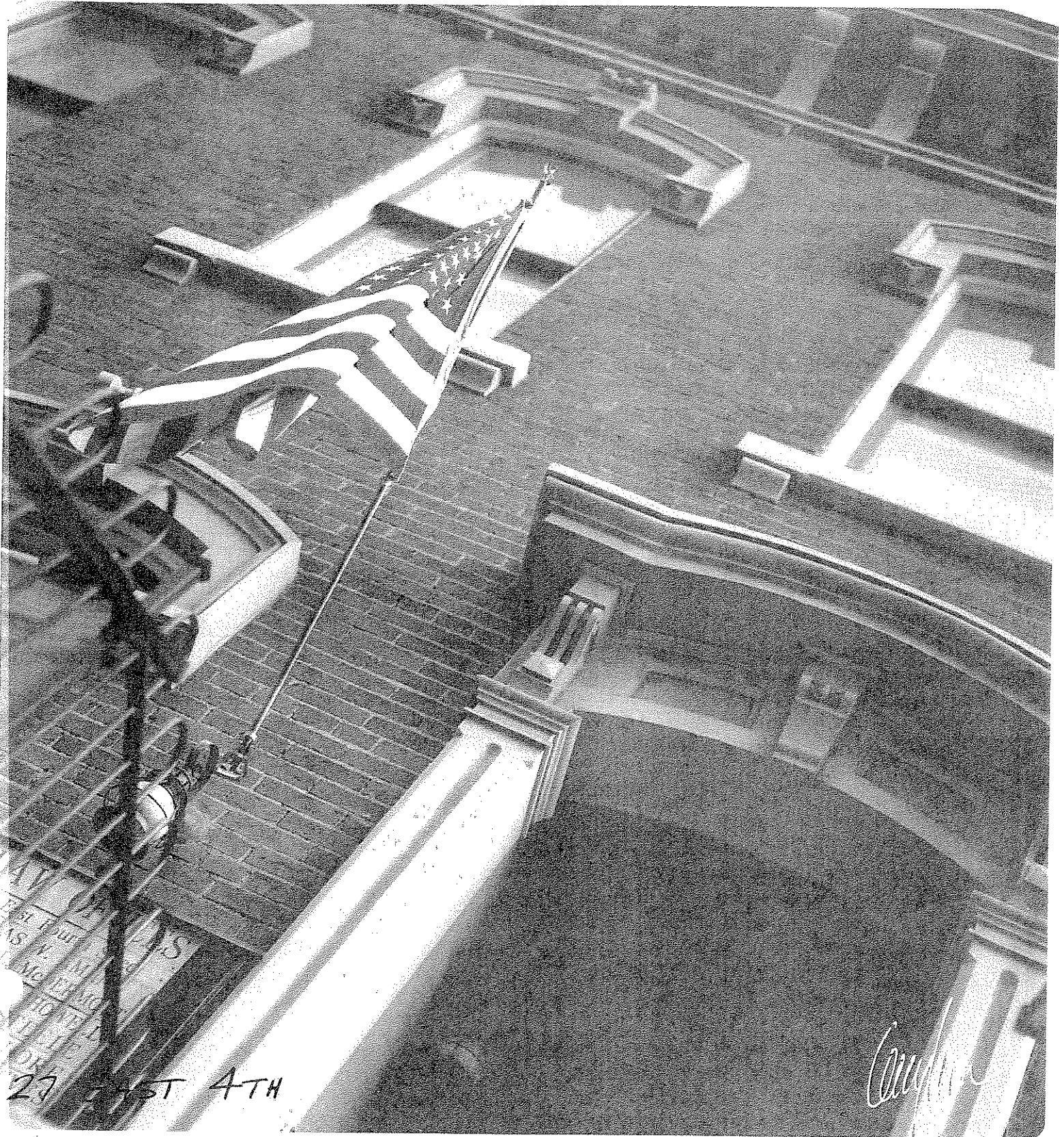
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## KENTUCKY STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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*"The true test of a good government is its ability to produce good administration".* by Alexander Hamilton, Federalist Papers No. 68. March 14, 1788.

The Internet has vastly expanded your access to state and local government resources. Kentucky's state, county and municipal governments offer an abundance of information via the web. The question is, "How do you know if the information is on the web, or rather why can't I find what I need"? There is an overwhelming amount of information by and about governments on the web. What seems to be a simple search request can result in hundreds of hits.

Accessing local government information can be especially difficult and time consuming. The trick is zeroing in on specific information without plowing through a myriad of screens. A general search engine can be imprecise and the results difficult to scan. The research web pages developed by the Chase Law Library (<http://www.nku.edu/~chase/library/>) help streamline your research.

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The law library has culled and organized key web sites developed by state and local governments. The library's research pages include: Kentucky Web Sources, Ohio Web Sources, State & Local Sources, and Northern Kentucky City & County Sources. The N. KY. City & County Sources page is brand-spanking new, and links to the official web sites for Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. The N. KY. City & County Sources page links to five correlating sources: county clerk, property valuation administrator, county ordinances, planning & zoning information, and Kentucky Circuit & District Court information.

The Northern Kentucky City & County Sources web site links to the official web pages of local cities. Thus far, twenty-three cities have developed web sites. Several of these cities have posted municipal codes and city planning & zoning information.

The law library is committed to expanding and updating the local resource page and be sure to email me if we have overlooked any web sites. The law library reviews and updates all the library research web pages at least once a month. This effort ensures that dead links are removed and new pertinent information added. The library research web pages aid the Chase Law Library's mission to teach cost effective research, and are a useful research tool for the legal community. Your suggestions as to web sites that we have overlooked are welcomed and your insightful comments are appreciated.