

**A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE MEMBER DUES SCHEDULE CALENDAR YEAR 2027 RATES**

WHEREAS, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (now known as Lake Erie West Regional Council) is a voluntary association of local governments in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, organized on May 31, 1968, and established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), and has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Erie West Bylaws requires the Governing Board to annually adopt a membership fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the last Calendar Year 2026 Membership Fee Schedule was adopted by the Governing Board on May 9, 2025, by Resolution No. 2025-13; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2026, the Governing Board approved the creation of a Dues Review Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Governing Board members to review and evaluate Lake Erie West's dues structure/mechanism and to make a recommendation to the Governing Board; and

WHEREAS, the Dues Review Ad Hoc Committee met on July 1, July 15, and August 7, 2026, and reviewed the current Calculation of Membership Dues Schedule, a historical analysis of dues, and an analysis of Lake Erie West's peer organizations; and

WHEREAS, during their review, the Dues Review Ad Hoc Committee received input from a working group consisting of General Assembly representatives from amongst member special districts and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Dues Review Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and recommended the adoption of the *Member Dues Schedule Calendar Year 2027 Rates* on August 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Audit, and Administration Committee reviewed and recommended the adoption of the *Member Dues Schedule Calendar Year 2027 Rates* on August 19, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake Erie West Regional Council Governing Board that

Section 1: The *Member Dues Schedule Calendar Year 2027 Rates* attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved and adopted for the Calendar Year 2027, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 1, 2027.

Section 2: That this resolution satisfies the Lake Erie West Regional Council's Bylaws.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption with the approved rates to be applied to all invoices issued for the Lake Erie West Regional Council calendar 2027 membership year.

Yeas _____, Nays _____, Abstentions _____

Date of Adoption: _____

George Sarantou, Chair
Lake Erie West Regional Council

Attest:

I, Sandy Spang, Lake Erie West Executive Director, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 2026-22, adopted on _____.

Sandy Spang, Executive Director



EXHIBIT A

COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, AND TOWNSHIP

	<u>Rate</u>	
Census Population	\$0.156	Per person, based on most recent census
County Property Valuation	\$0.084	Per \$10k valuation, based on most recent property valuation
Minimum	\$350	

Member rates will not increase or decrease more than 5% from the previous year.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

	Budget				
	< \$2M	\$2M - \$4M	\$4M - \$10M	\$10M - \$20M	> \$20M
Employees					
< 100	\$350	\$750	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
101-200	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$7,500
201-400	\$750	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
> 400	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$15,000

EDUCATION

College/University		\$1,500
Community College		\$750
Educational Service Center		\$750
Library - County		\$750
Library - Community		\$350
K-12 Schools	Division I - III	\$500
K-12 Schools	Division IV - VII	\$350

STATEWIDE AGENCIES

Large	\$2,500
Small	\$1,500

Special Districts/Education/Statewide Agencies: Rates will increase 2.5% annually.

2026 (CY) CALCULATION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES



COUNTIES, CITIES, VILLAGES, AND TOWNSHIPS:

$$(2020 \text{ Census Population} \times \$.24 \times 65\%) + (2024 \text{ County Valuation} \times \$.000024 \times 35\%)$$
$$=$$

2026 Membership Dues
(\$350 minimum)

SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

Port Authorities

Budget less than \$300,000:	\$250
Budget \$300,001-\$999,999:	\$963
Budget greater than \$1,000,000:	\$5,500

Park Districts

Budget less than \$1,000,000:	\$250
Budget \$1,000,001-\$9,999,999:	\$2,750
Budget greater than \$10,000,000:	\$12,375

Regional Transit Authorities

Budget less than \$300,000:	\$250
Budget \$300,001-\$999,999:	\$6,875
Budget greater than \$1,000,000:	\$25,438

Water & Sewer Districts

Budget less than \$1,000,000:	\$250
Budget \$1,000,001-\$2,999,999:	\$963
Budget greater than \$3,000,000:	\$4,950

Health Departments

\$1,000

Public Library Systems

\$1,000

Turnpike Commissions

\$2,500

Solid Waste Management Districts

\$1,000

Soil & Water Conservation Districts

\$1,000

Sanitary Sewer Districts:

\$1,000

EDUCATION:

Public School Districts

\$.1375 per student
\$250 minimum, \$1,375 maximum

Colleges & Universities

\$.1375 per student
\$250 minimum, \$1,375 maximum

Educational Service Centers

\$688

Vocational Career Centers

\$250 minimum

Note: Dues for jurisdictions with affiliations with regional organizations such as MVPO and SEMCOG shall be assessed at 50% of the amount shown above.

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis
History

Dues Billed	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26
Counties	\$ 245,422	\$ 255,703	\$ 257,594	\$ 270,290	\$ 309,212	50.70%
Cities	136,360	140,041	140,679	139,743	153,016	25.09%
Villages	15,258	15,686	15,820	16,371	20,303	3.33%
Township	46,971	50,504	50,910	53,208	60,612	9.94%
Special Districts	59,476	59,626	59,626	59,476	59,788	9.80%
Education	8,246	8,284	8,347	8,170	7,003	1.15%
Total	\$ 511,733	\$ 529,845	\$ 532,976	\$ 547,258	\$ 609,934	100.00%

Increase	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Counties	4.19%	0.74%	4.93%	14.40%
Cities	2.70%	0.46%	-0.67%	9.50%
Villages	2.81%	0.85%	3.48%	24.02%
Township	7.52%	0.80%	4.51%	13.92%
Special Districts	0.25%	0.00%	-0.25%	0.52%
Education	0.46%	0.76%	-2.12%	-14.28%
Total	3.5%	0.6%	2.7%	11.5%

Breakdown of Dues Generated	2025-26
Population	\$ 217,015
Property Valuation	\$ 342,238
Total for Residential Entities	\$ 559,253

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis
Summary

Proposals
Simplify presentation of population/valuation
Municipalities - maximum 5% increase/decrease
New Special District table based on number of employees and budget size
Revised Education schedule
Future 5% maximum incremental increases/decreases each year

Member Type	2025-26		Proposed		Difference
Municipalities					
Counties	\$ 309,212	50.7%	\$ 308,851	51.3%	-0.12%
Cities	153,016	25.1%	152,839	25.4%	-0.12%
Villages	20,303	3.3%	20,134	3.3%	-0.83%
Township	60,612	9.9%	60,839	10.1%	0.37%
Subtotal	\$ 543,143	89.0%	\$ 542,664	90.1%	-0.09%
Special Districts	59,788	9.8%	51,675	8.6%	-13.57%
Education	7,003	1.1%	8,100	1.3%	15.66%
Total	\$ 609,934	100.0%	\$ 602,439	100.0%	-1.23%

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis

Proposal

County, City, Village and Township			
Valuation			
Census Population	\$	0.156	Per person
County Property Valuation	\$	0.084	Per \$10k value
Minimum	\$	350	

County	Actual 2025-26	Population		Valuation		Total 2026-27	Change	
		2020	Calculation	2025	Calculation		\$	%
Lucas	\$ 165,150	431,279	\$ 67,280	\$ 11,538,613,745	\$ 96,924	\$ 164,204	\$ (946)	-0.6%
Sandusky	26,029	58,896	9,188	2,010,195,551	16,886	26,073	44	0.2%
Fulton	11,921	42,713	3,332	1,835,104,082	7,707	11,325	(596)	-5.0%
Wood	62,082	132,248	20,631	4,991,107,489	41,925	62,556	474	0.8%
Ottawa	33,288	40,364	6,297	3,292,360,427	27,656	33,953	665	2.0%
Monroe	10,741	42,084	3,283	1,775,731,856	7,458	10,741	(0)	0.0%
Total	\$ 309,211	747,584	\$ 110,009	\$ 25,443,113,150	\$ 198,557	\$ 308,851	\$ (360)	-0.1%

Joint MVPO membership 50% discount

Decrease capped at 5%

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Member Dues Analysis

Proposal

County, City, Village and Township			
		Valuation	
Census Population	\$	0.156	Per person
County Property Valuation	\$	0.084	Per \$10k value
Minimum	\$	350	

		City	Actual 2025-26	Population		Valuation		Total 2026-27	Change	
				2020	Calculation	2025	Calculation		\$	%
Lucas	Maumee	\$	7,580	13,896	\$ 2,168	\$ 633,379,675	\$ 5,320	\$ 7,488	\$ (92)	-1.2%
	Oregon		9,444	19,950	3,112	751,885,144	6,316	9,428	(16)	-0.2%
	Sylvania		8,501	19,011	2,966	657,952,760	5,527	8,493	(8)	-0.1%
	Toledo		82,079	270,871	42,256	4,702,681,339	39,503	81,758	(321)	-0.4%
	Waterville		3,303	6,003	936	279,356,046	2,347	3,283	(20)	-0.6%
Sandusky	Fremont		5,798	15,930	2,485	395,133,579	3,319	5,804	6	0.1%
Fulton	Wauseon		1,349	7,568	590	182,745,944	768	1,358	9	0.7%
Wood	Bowling Green		10,740	30,808	4,806	713,387,490	5,992	10,799	58	0.5%
	Fostoria		3,885	13,046	2,035	220,195,100	1,850	3,885	-	0.0%
	Northwood		2,419	5,160	805	193,322,634	1,624	2,429	10	0.4%
	Perrysburg		12,613	25,041	3,906	1,054,877,393	8,861	12,767	154	1.2%
	Rossford		2,461	6,299	983	177,115,739	1,488	2,470	10	0.4%
Ottawa	Port Clinton		2,846	6,025	940	230,610,075	1,937	2,877	31	1.1%
Total			\$ 153,017	439,608	\$ 67,989	\$ 10,192,642,918	\$ 84,851	\$ 152,839	\$ (178)	-0.1%

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Member Dues Analysis

Proposal

County, City, Village and Township			
Valuation			
Census Population	\$	0.156	Per person
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Minimum	\$	350	

Village		Actual 2025-26	Population		Valuation		Total 2026-27	Change	
			2020	Calculation	2025	Calculation		\$	%
Lucas	Holland	\$ 987	1,820	\$ 284	\$ 84,102,327	\$ 706	\$ 990	\$ 3	0.3%
	Ottawaw Hills	2,781	4,790	747	236,360,221	1,985	2,733	(48)	-1.7%
	Whitehouse	2,560	4,990	778	210,811,131	1,771	2,549	(10)	-0.4%
Sandusky	Gibsonburg	822	2,452	383	52,736,285	443	825	3	0.4%
	Green Springs	385	1,233	192	23,026,719	193	386	0	0.1%
Fulton	Archbold	1,275	3,950	308	156,877,817	659	1,211	(64)	-5.0%
	Delta	806	3,316	259	69,329,923	291	766	(40)	-5.0%
	Fayette	350	1,305	102	17,277,360	73	350	-	0.0%
	Lyons	350	602	47	11,559,487	49	350	-	0.0%
	Metamora	350	566	44	16,350,194	69	350	-	0.0%
	Swanton	1,043	3,897	304	104,837,390	440	991	(52)	-5.0%
Wood	Bradner	350	985	154	16,245,338	136	350	-	0.0%
	Haskins	478	1,188	185	35,156,401	295	481	3	0.6%
	Luckey	350	1,012	158	22,729,679	191	350	-	0.0%
	Millbury	441	1,200	187	30,779,225	259	446	4	1.0%
	North Baltimore	1,114	3,432	535	70,165,481	589	1,125	11	1.0%
	Pemberville	504	1,371	214	35,669,169	300	513	9	1.9%
	Portage	350	438	68	9,596,652	81	350	-	0.0%
	Risingsun	350	606	95	8,441,489	71	350	-	0.0%
	Tontogany	350	367	57	10,421,645	88	350	-	0.0%
	Walbridge	1,037	3,019	471	67,486,764	567	1,038	0	0.0%
	Wayne	350	887	138	13,080,381	110	350	-	0.0%
	Weston	398	1,455	227	20,141,743	169	396	(2)	-0.4%
Ottawa	Clay Center	350	262	41	5,304,483	45	350	-	0.0%
	Elmore	515	1,370	214	36,163,375	304	517	2	0.4%
	Oak Harbor	1,027	2,821	440	70,897,468	596	1,036	9	0.9%
	Put-in Bay	629	154	24	72,259,453	607	631	2	0.3%
Total		\$ 20,303	49,488	\$ 6,657	\$ 1,507,807,600	\$ 11,085	\$ 20,134	\$ (169)	-0.8%

Joint MVPO membership 50% discount

Decrease capped at 5%

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Member Dues Analysis

Proposal

County, City, Village and Township			
Valuation			
Census Population	\$	0.156	Per person
County Property Valuation	\$	0.084	Per \$10k value
Minimum	\$	350	

Township		Actual 2025-26	Population		Valuation		Total 2026-27	Change	
			2020	Calculation	2025	Calculation		\$	%
Lucas	Jerusalem	\$ 1,356	2,895	\$ 452	\$ 105,962,710	\$ 890	\$ 1,342	\$ (14)	-1.1%
	Monclova	9,647	14,827	2,313	860,724,370	7,230	9,543	(104)	-1.1%
	Richfield	724	1,300	203	61,949,021	520	723	(1)	-0.1%
	Spencer	788	1,746	272	60,172,413	505	778	(10)	-1.2%
	Springfield	11,669	25,137	3,921	904,390,267	7,597	11,518	(151)	-1.3%
	Sylvania	17,877	31,668	4,940	1,522,951,121	12,793	17,733	(144)	-0.8%
Wood	Henry	1,028	710	111	176,090,801	1,479	1,079	51	5.0%
	Jackson	590	482	75	63,350,020	532	607	17	2.9%
	Lake	3,319	6,956	1,085	367,359,967	3,086	3,485	166	5.0%
	Middleton	3,013	4,366	681	316,717,702	2,660	3,163	151	5.0%
	Perrysburg	7,129	13,571	2,117	616,710,632	5,180	7,297	168	2.4%
	Troy	1,941	2,654	414	207,884,331	1,746	2,038	97	5.0%
Monroe	Whiteford	1,532	4,590	358	279,487,633	1,174	1,532	(0)	0.0%
Total		\$ 60,612	110,902	\$ 16,943	\$ 5,543,750,988	\$ 45,394	\$ 60,839	\$ 227	0.4%

Joint MVPO membership 50% discount

Increase capped at 5%

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis
Special Districts

Proposal

	Budget				
	< \$2M	\$2M - \$4M	\$4M - \$10M	\$10M - \$20M	> \$20M
Employees					
< 100	\$ 350	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000
101-200	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,500
201-400	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
> 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 15,000

All rates will increase 2.5% each year, starting in 2028

Member Dues Determined by Table

Member Type	Member
Port Authority	Toledo-Lucas County, Wood County
Park District	Ottawa, Sylvania, Wood, Toledo
Transit Authority	TARTA
Water & Sewer District	Northwest

Statewide Agencies

	Member
Large	\$2,500 Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission
Small	\$1,500

Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Moved to Education classification

	Employees	Budget	Per Schedule	2027 Proposed	2026 Actual	Change
Lucas County Land Bank	10	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 750	\$ 930	\$ 1,000	\$ (70)
Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority	120	\$ 6,971,565	2,000	1,600	1,375	225
Northwest Water & Sewer District	100	\$ 37,000,000	5,000	5,000	4,950	50
Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission			2,500	2,500	2,500	0
Park District Ottawa County	3	\$ 1,820,955	350	350	350	0
Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District	12	\$ 3,138,610	750	2,100	2,750	(650)
TARTA	300	\$ 44,733,565	10,000	20,500	25,438	(4,938)
Toledo Metro Parks	120	\$ 36,614,472	7,500	10,875	12,375	(1,500)
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority	40	\$ 29,168,245	5,000	5,400	5,500	(100)
Wood County Parks	18	\$ 4,370,000	1,000	2,200	2,750	(550)
Wood County Port Authority	7	\$ 411,033	350	220	150	70
Total			\$ 35,200	\$ 51,675	\$ 59,138	\$ (7,463)

Member pays flat rate

Increase/decrease will be distributed over three years

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis

Proposal

Education		
K-12 Schools	\$	350
College/University	\$	1,500
Community College	\$	750
ESC	\$	750
Library	\$	750

Member	Actual		Proposed		Change	
	2025-26		2026-27		\$	%
Northwood Local Schools	\$	250	\$	350	\$ 100	40%
Ottawa Hills Local Schools Board of Education	\$	250	\$	350	\$ 100	40%
Rossford Exempted Village Schools	\$	248	\$	350	\$ 102	41%
Toledo Maritime Academy	\$	250	\$	350	\$ 100	40%
Toledo Public Schools	\$	1,375	\$	350	\$ (1,025)	-75%
Bowling Green State University	\$	1,375	\$	1,500	\$ 125	9%
Monroe County Community College	\$	340	\$	750	\$ 410	121%
Owens Community College	\$	884	\$	750	\$ (134)	-15%
University of Toledo	\$	1,375	\$	1,500	\$ 125	9%
Penta Career Center	\$	250	\$	350	\$ 100	40%
Toledo Lucas County Public Library	\$	688	\$	750	\$ 62	9%
Wood County Educational Service Center	\$	688	\$	750	\$ 62	9%
Total	\$	7,973	\$	8,100	\$ 127	2%

Lake Erie West Regional Council
Member Dues Analysis
History

Dues Billed

	2024-25	2025-26
Counties	\$ 270,290	\$ 309,212
Cities	139,743	153,016
Villages	16,371	20,303
Township	53,208	60,612
Special Districts	59,476	59,788
Education	8,170	7,003
Total	\$ 547,258	\$ 609,934

CAPPED		
3%	5%	7%
2025-26	2025-26	2025-26
\$ 276,938	\$ 281,110	\$ 285,282
143,356	145,490	147,624
18,268	18,478	18,683
54,353	55,039	55,763
59,788	59,788	59,788
7,003	7,003	7,003
\$ 559,707	\$ 566,908	\$ 574,144

Increase

	2025-26
Counties	14.40%
Cities	9.50%
Villages	24.02%
Township	13.92%
Special Districts	0.52%
Education	-14.28%
Total	11.5%

2025-26	2025-26	2025-26
2.46%	4.00%	5.55%
2.59%	4.11%	5.64%
11.59%	12.87%	14.12%
2.15%	3.44%	4.80%
0.52%	0.52%	0.52%
-14.28%	-14.28%	-14.28%
2.3%	3.6%	4.9%

Municipal entitites	60	
Capped	3%	31
	5%	30
	7%	29

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History

Dues Billed

Counties
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 Special Districts
 Education

Total

CAPPED		
3%	5%	7%
2026-27	2026-27	2026-27
\$ 283,384	\$ 292,062	\$ 300,906
146,653	151,091	155,615
18,592	19,028	19,441
56,342	57,188	58,822
59,788	59,788	59,788
7,003	7,003	7,003
\$ 571,762	\$ 586,160	\$ 601,575

Increase

Counties
 Cities
 Villages
 Township

 Special Districts
 Education

Total

2026-27	2026-27	2026-27
2.33%	3.90%	5.48%
2.30%	3.85%	5.41%
1.77%	2.98%	4.06%
3.66%	3.90%	5.49%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2.2%	3.4%	4.8%