

## GNRC RESOLUTION 2018-04

### A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GNRC MEMBERSHIP DUES RATE

**WHEREAS**, the current local government annual membership dues rate of 21¢ per capita generates approximately \$390,000 dollars annually, which, when combined with the \$180,000 provided annually by the State Legislature through the Tennessee Development District Act, provides the base of funds used to match and leverage other state and federal grant funds resulting in GNRC being able to utilize over \$10 million dollars for planning, aging and economic development programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership dues and an allocation by the legislature are necessary dollars used to leverage and provide the necessary match for state and federal contracts thereby enabling GNRC to provide benefits and services on behalf of member governments in regional planning services, solid waste management, transportation, air and water quality, housing, aging, overall economic development and new job creation, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, there are threshold levels in the Tennessee Development District Act, as amended, that when reached, generate additional state dollars for GNRC; and

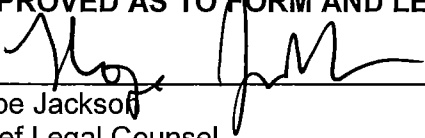
**WHEREAS**, another threshold would be reached when GNRC's per capita assessment is increased to 31¢ thereby increasing GNRC's annual state appropriation from \$180,000 to \$200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, a change in the membership dues rate is necessary in order to provide matching and supplemental dollars for state and federal grant programs and to build the GNRC cash reserves.

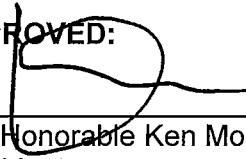
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Nashville Regional Council does hereby amend the membership dues rate from 21¢ to the rate of 31¢ per capita as permitted under the Tennessee Development District Act of 1965, as amended.

**RESOLVED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, the public health, safety, order, prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of this Region requiring it.


**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

  
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Hope Jackson  
Chief Legal Counsel

**APPROVED:**

  
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The Honorable Ken Moore  
President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael Skipper  
Executive Director and Secretary

# Greater Nashville Regional Council Notice of Proposed Increase in Membership Dues

Prepared by GNRC on March 15, 2017

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## Recommendation

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GNRC Finance and Personnel Committee recommends an increase in membership dues from the current 21 cents per capita to 31 cents per capita, effective July 1, 2017.

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## History and Usage

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- The rate for membership dues was last adjusted in 2011, from 20 cents to 21 cents to account for inflation and to secure additional \$30,000 in funding from the state. Prior to that, the rate had not been adjusted since 1995.
- In FY 2017, membership dues generated approximately \$390,000 of GNRC's \$10.3 million budget or 3.8% of the total funding. Dues are used 1) to provide required matching funds for state and federal grants and 2) to supplement state and federally-funded programs that do not cover their full cost, and 3) to cover GNRC costs not eligible for state or federal funding.
- In FY 2017, dues are allocated in the following manner:
  - 17 cents (81%) – aging and disability programs,
  - 3 cents (14%) – regional planning and research programs,
  - 1 cent (5%) – economic and community development programs.

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## Importance of Dues

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- Dues contribute nearly \$400,000 to GNRC's \$10 million annual budget.
- GNRC directs a significant portion of its annual budget back into local communities either through direct investment or through programs that assist local communities in securing state and federal grant funds for infrastructure or social service programs.
- Dues allow GNRC to draw down State and Federal Funding to support programs and services.

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## The Case for an Increase

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- **Matching Funds and Program Deficits** - Dues are not currently sufficient to generate required matching funds while also covering programmatic expenses that are not paid for by the state. GNRC is supplementing dues revenue with its earned interest revenue, which should instead be directed to the reserve account.
- **Cash Reserves and Contingency Fund** - GNRC's current reserve fund contains less than \$100,000 in cash. This low reserve is flagged annually by the Comptroller as high risk.
- **Legislative Affairs** - GNRC program funds cannot be used for lobbying activities. This fund would provide the capacity to support legislative efforts of the GNRC and Mayors Caucus.
- **Capital Fund** - GNRC is exploring options for a new regional center in or near downtown Nashville which would serve as the long-term replacement for existing offices and provide new facilities for board meetings and stakeholder workshops.
- **Additional State Funding** – The proposed increase would allow GNRC to draw down an additional \$20,000 each year from the state.

**Distribution of Current and Proposed Increase**

Item	Current		Additional		Total**	
	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue	Rate	Revenue
Programs and Services	0.210	\$397,936	0.020	\$37,899	0.230	\$435,835
Cash Reserves/Contingency Fund	0.000	\$0	0.025	\$47,373	0.025	\$47,373
Legislative Fund	0.000	\$0	0.035	\$66,323	0.035	\$66,323
Capital Fund**	0.000	\$0	0.020	\$37,899	0.020	\$37,899
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.210</b>	<b>\$397,936</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>\$189,494</b>	<b>0.310</b>	<b>\$587,430</b>

\*Based on 2015 Census Population Estimates

\*\*Projected to increase to 15 cents per capita in subsequent years to support construction of new GNRC facility

**Dues Estimates by Member**

Member/Total	U.S. Census Population Estimate for 2015	Current Dues Rate	Proposed Increase	New Grand Total
		21 cents	10 cents	31 cents
<b>Member/Total</b>	<b>1,894,935</b>	<b>\$397,936.35</b>	<b>\$189,493.50</b>	<b>\$587,429.85</b>
Adams	656	\$137.76	\$65.60	\$203.36
Ashland City	4,649	\$976.29	\$464.90	\$1,441.19
Belle Meade	3,004	\$630.84	\$300.40	\$931.24
Berry Hill	547	\$114.87	\$54.70	\$169.57
Brentwood	41,763	\$8,770.23	\$4,176.30	\$12,946.53
Burns	1,473	\$309.33	\$147.30	\$456.63
Cedar Hill	318	\$66.78	\$31.80	\$98.58
Charlotte	1,506	\$316.26	\$150.60	\$466.86
Clarksville	149,176	\$31,326.96	\$14,917.60	\$46,244.56
Coopertown	4,401	\$924.21	\$440.10	\$1,364.31
Cross Plains	1,722	\$361.62	\$172.20	\$533.82
Cumberland City	302	\$63.42	\$30.20	\$93.62
Dickson	15,359	\$3,225.39	\$1,535.90	\$4,761.29
Dover	1,457	\$305.97	\$145.70	\$451.67
Eagleville	651	\$136.71	\$65.10	\$201.81
Erin	1,295	\$271.95	\$129.50	\$401.45
Fairview	8,331	\$1,749.51	\$833.10	\$2,582.61
Forest Hills	5,039	\$1,058.19	\$503.90	\$1,562.09
Franklin	72,639	\$15,254.19	\$7,263.90	\$22,518.09
Gallatin	34,334	\$7,210.14	\$3,433.40	\$10,643.54
Goodlettsville	16,994	\$3,568.74	\$1,699.40	\$5,268.14
Greenbrier	6,745	\$1,416.45	\$674.50	\$2,090.95
Hendersonville	56,018	\$11,763.78	\$5,601.80	\$17,365.58
Kingston Springs	2,770	\$581.70	\$277.00	\$858.70

Lavergne	34,794	\$7,306.74	\$3,479.40	\$10,786.14
Lebanon	30,262	\$6,355.02	\$3,026.20	\$9,381.22
McEwen	1,703	\$357.63	\$170.30	\$527.93
Millersville	6,700	\$1,407.00	\$670.00	\$2,077.00
Mitchellville	200	\$42.00	\$20.00	\$62.00
Mt. Juliet	31,540	\$6,623.40	\$3,154.00	\$9,777.40
Murfreesboro	126,118	\$26,484.78	\$12,611.80	\$39,096.58
New Johnsonville	1,897	\$398.37	\$189.70	\$588.07
Nolensville	6,939	\$1,457.19	\$693.90	\$2,151.09
Oak Hill	4,700	\$987.00	\$470.00	\$1,457.00
Orlinda	887	\$186.27	\$88.70	\$274.97
Pegram	2,108	\$442.68	\$210.80	\$653.48
Pleasant View	4,295	\$901.95	\$429.50	\$1,331.45
Portland	12,323	\$2,587.83	\$1,232.30	\$3,820.13
Ridgetop	2,042	\$428.82	\$204.20	\$633.02
Slayden	181	\$38.01	\$18.10	\$56.11
Smyrna	46,607	\$9,787.47	\$4,660.70	\$14,448.17
Spring Hill (Williamson portion)	27,334	\$5,740.14	\$2,733.40	\$8,473.54
Springfield	16,808	\$3,529.68	\$1,680.80	\$5,210.48
Tennessee Ridge	1,329	\$279.09	\$132.90	\$411.99
Thompsons Station	3,801	\$798.21	\$380.10	\$1,178.31
Vanleer	402	\$84.42	\$40.20	\$124.62
Watertown	1,517	\$318.57	\$151.70	\$470.27
Waverly	4,090	\$858.90	\$409.00	\$1,267.90
Westmoreland	2,291	\$481.11	\$229.10	\$710.21
White Bluff	3,402	\$714.42	\$340.20	\$1,054.62
White House	11,226	\$2,357.46	\$1,122.60	\$3,480.06
Hartsville-Trousdale County	8,042	\$1,688.82	\$804.20	\$2,493.02
Metro-Nashville Balance	654,533	\$137,451.93	\$65,453.30	\$202,905.23
Unincorporated Cheatham	25,919	\$5,442.99	\$2,591.90	\$8,034.89
Unincorporated Dickson	29,164	\$6,124.44	\$2,916.40	\$9,040.84
Unincorporated Houston	5,525	\$1,160.25	\$552.50	\$1,712.75
Unincorporated Humphreys	10,445	\$2,193.45	\$1,044.50	\$3,237.95
Unincorporated Montgomery	44,303	\$9,303.63	\$4,430.30	\$13,733.93
Unincorporated Robertson	28,027	\$5,885.67	\$2,802.70	\$8,688.37
Unincorporated Rutherford	90,442	\$18,992.82	\$9,044.20	\$28,037.02
Unincorporated Stewart	11,500	\$2,415.00	\$1,150.00	\$3,565.00
Unincorporated Sumner	53,933	\$11,325.93	\$5,393.30	\$16,719.23
Unincorporated Williamson	50,865	\$10,681.65	\$5,086.50	\$15,768.15
Unincorporated Wilson	65,592	\$13,774.32	\$6,559.20	\$20,333.52