



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.I

DATE: JULY 11, 2016
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: FY 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Background

The Council is required to certify membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year to our member counties by August 1 of each year. The current membership fee is 17.5 cents per capita. This per capita rate was established in 1994, more than twenty years ago. Prior to May 1994, the membership rate had been 13.57 cents per capita for a period of ten years. Additionally, from October 2011 through September 2015 the Council froze the membership fee at April 1, 2010 population levels to assist member counties during the financial difficulties of the Great Recession.

Council staff uses the resident population projections for April 1, 2017 (the mid-point of the Council's fiscal year) prepared by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research for the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). The table attached shows the projected resident population for April 1, 2017, and the corresponding fees for each county at current rates per resident, along with two options for increasing the rate per resident.

As requested by the Executive Committee at its June 24, 2016 meeting, please find attached information regarding the fee structure of the state's other nine regional councils.

Recommendation

Certify the county membership fees based on the population projections for the 2016-17 fiscal year.



**South Florida Counties
SFRC Membership Fees
Fiscal Year 2016/17**

COUNTY	FY 2015-16 (1)	FY 2016-17 (2) - Population Projection for April 1, 2017				
	Population April 1, 2016	Alternatives for Membership Fees			Differences	
		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1 (3)	Option 2 (4)
<u>Population Estimate (residents)</u>						
Broward	1,833,220	1,867,095	1,867,095	1,867,095	33,875	0
Miami-Dade	2,674,400	2,730,396	2,730,396	2,730,396	55,996	0
Monroe	74,160	74,319	74,319	74,319	159	0
South Florida	4,581,780	4,671,810	4,671,810	4,671,810	90,030	0

County Contribution per Resident \$0.175 \$0.175 \$0.225 \$0.255

<u>Membership Fees</u>						
Broward	\$320,813.50	\$326,741.63	\$420,096.38	\$476,109.23	\$5,928.13	\$93,354.75
Miami-Dade	\$468,020.00	\$477,819.30	\$614,339.10	\$696,250.98	\$9,799.30	\$136,519.80
Monroe	\$12,978.00	\$13,005.83	\$16,721.78	\$18,951.35	\$27.83	\$3,715.95
South Florida	\$801,811.50	\$817,566.76	\$1,051,157.26	\$1,191,311.56	\$15,755.26	\$233,590.50

Sources:

- US Bureau of the Census
- University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR)
- Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)
- (1) FY 2015-16 membership fees based on the projected population for April 1, 2016
- (2) FY 2016-17 membership fees based on the projected population for April 1, 2017 (mid-point of the Council's Fiscal Year)
- (3) Difference between FY 2016-17 at Option 1 (current) per Resident rates and FY 2015-16 rates
- (4) Difference between FY 2016-17 at Option 2 per Resident rates and Option 1 (current) rates
- (4) Difference between FY 2016-17 at Option 3 per Resident rates and Option 1 (current) rates

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP DUES

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL	COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY
Apalachee	\$4,000 base fee plus \$0.07/capita	N/A
Central Florida	\$0.25/capita	N/A
East Central Florida	\$0.16/capita	N/A
North Central Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$750 minimum \$0.30/capita ¹
Northeast Florida	\$0.41/capita	N/A
South Florida	\$0.175/capita	N/A
Southwest Florida	\$0.30/capita	\$0.30/capita ¹
Tampa Bay	\$2,000 base fee plus \$0.32/capita	\$2,000 base fee only
Treasure Coast	\$0.43/capita	N/A
West Florida	\$1,000 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita	\$500 base fee plus \$0.0325/capita

¹Optional dues paid by municipalities are subtracted from the share paid by the County.

N/A Not applicable, no membership dues assessed.

BY THE NUMBERS

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL	DATE ESTABLISHED	2014 REGIONAL POPULATION¹	GOVERNING BOARD SIZE	STAFF SIZE (FTE)²	SQUARE MILES	2014-15 BUDGET
Apalachee	Aug. 23, 1977	477,098	27	6	5,855	\$693,785
Central Florida	July 1, 1974	824,958	18	16	5,287	\$3,179,548
East Central Florida	Feb. 22, 1962	3,437,773	32	16	6,502	\$2,792,896
North Central Florida	May 7, 1969	882,113	48	13	9,516	\$1,688,600
Northeast Florida	April 14, 1977	1,568,868	35	10	4,428	\$2,425,910
South Florida	July 1, 1974	4,581,780	19	14	4,091	\$2,284,711
Southwest Florida	Nov. 8, 1973	1,592,622	36	12	6,023	\$2,656,064
Tampa Bay	Feb. 16, 1962	3,369,783	44	12	4,179	\$2,317,120
Treasure Coast	Aug. 19, 1976	1,932,599	28	10	3,555	\$2,010,112
West Florida	Oct. 1, 1964	929,916	33	28	6,026	\$2,954,512

¹Source: [Florida Estimates of Population, 2014](#), Table 1, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, 2015.

²FTE means Full-Time Equivalent.