



DATE: August 12, 2026

ISSUE SUMMARY: ARC- CPI Dues Adjustment

FROM: Anna Roach, Executive Director

IMPORTANCE:

- The City of Atlanta and each of the 11 counties in the ARC provide an annual regional appropriation (dues) totaling \$ 1.20 per capita to fund the Commission's work.
- ARC's last dues increase was implemented in 2022 (from \$ 1.10 to \$ 1.20 per capita)
- ARC's enabling legislation specifies that increases after 2003, which was set at \$ 1.00, shall be based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and may be approved by the Commission.
- When the CPI exceeds the latest base year (2022) by 10%, the board may approve an additional \$ 0.10 increase in dues.
- Since the last dues increase in 2022, the CPI has increased by more than 15%.
- The primary uses of ARC dues appropriations are:
 - Required match for federal funds
 - Cost of essential programs not federally funded (Natural Resources planning, External Affairs, MRPA Reviews etc.)
 - Board activities and board directed projects (LINK, RLI, MARC, Green Communities, Regional Assembly etc.)
 - Legislative support activities
- ARC continues to see increases in general costs including personnel, contractual, IT and facility costs.
- Grant funding opportunities may periodically become available, but we have limitations to pursue them if they require matching funds
- The April 1, 2026 population estimates to which this rate would be applied are presented for adoption next on this agenda; the rate approved here determines which dues table is adopted and certified under that item.
- If the resolution and rate contemplated by this agenda item does not pass, the current rate of \$1.20 continues to apply, and an updated dues table will be adopted and certified under that item.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approval of the resolution applying a 10¢ CPI incremental adjustment to the per capita rate used to calculate annual dues. This will increase the per capita rate to \$1.30. The rate approved under this item is then applied in the dues calculation adopted under the population estimate item later on this agenda.



**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CPI INCREMENTAL
ADJUSTMENT TO THE PER CAPITA
RATE USED FOR CALCULATING
OPERATING FUNDS DUE TO THE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is the designated Metropolitan Area Planning and Development Commission (MAPDC) for the 11 County Atlanta Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale Counties and the City of Atlanta provide operating funds for the Atlanta Regional Commission in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-8-101; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 50-8-101 provides for the Commission to approve incremental 10¢ increases in the rate to calculate these operating funds when the Average Annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) exceeds 10% of the last base year; and

WHEREAS, the rate was last increased from \$ 1.10 to \$ 1.20 in 2022 making that the base year for current calculations; and

WHEREAS, the CPI-U has increased by over 15% since 2022; and

WHEREAS, approving an incremental rate increase allows the Commission the opportunity to provide ARC necessary operating funds, and

WHEREAS, balancing the 2026 ARC budget required using a portion of the Fund Balance; and

WHEREAS, additional unrestricted operating funds are needed to provide matching funds for available federal, state, and other funding and to fund essential regional programs that have no federal or state funding source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlanta Regional Commission adopts an additional incremental increase of 10¢ to the rate in which operating expenses due to the Commission are calculated which shall be effective January 1, 2027 as set forth in the attached

table, which reflects the April 1, 2026 population estimates presented for adoption later at this meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each county which has no portion of the City of Atlanta within its boundary shall provide an amount determined by multiplying the number of persons residing in that county by \$ 1.30, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each county which has some portion of the City of Atlanta within its boundary shall provide an amount determined by multiplying the number of persons residing in the county but outside the city limits by \$ 1.30 and shall also provide an amount determined by multiplying the number of persons residing in the county inside the city limits by \$ 0.52, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Atlanta shall provide an amount determined by multiplying the number of persons residing in the municipality by \$ 0.78, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the rate adopted herein shall be applied in computing the amount due from each political subdivision for calendar year 2027, which computation shall be approved and certified in connection with the Commission's adoption of the April 1, 2026 population estimates later at this meeting, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-8-101, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, whenever the CPI-U shall exceed 10% of the base year calculation in the future, the Board shall consider whether a corresponding incremental increase as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 50-8-101 shall be made.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on August 12, 2026.

Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Board Secretary

DRAFT FOR ADOPTION

POPULATION ESTIMATE AND APPROPRIATION DUE BY POLITICAL JURISDICTION INCLUDING CPI ADJUSTMENT

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Estimated Population 4/1/2026</u>	<u>Formula for Fiscal Support of Regional Planning</u>		<u>Appropriation Due for 2027 Budget</u>
<u>Cherokee County</u>	302,830	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$395,679
<u>Clayton County</u>	308,665	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$403,265
<u>Cobb County</u>	799,349	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$1,041,154
<u>DeKalb County</u>				
City of Atlanta	44,108	\$0.52 per capita		
Outside Atlanta	744,414	\$1.30 per capita		
DeKalb County Total			plus \$2,000	\$992,674
<u>Douglas County</u>	155,477	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$204,120
<u>Fayette County</u>	127,424	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$167,651
<u>Forsyth County</u>	286,083	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$373,908
<u>Fulton County</u>				
City of Atlanta	505,507	\$0.52 per capita		
Outside Atlanta	657,533	\$1.30 per capita		
Fulton County Total			plus \$2,000	\$1,119,657
<u>Gwinnett County</u>	1,038,112	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$1,351,546
<u>Henry County</u>	270,652	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$353,848
<u>Rockdale County</u>	99,010	\$1.30 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$130,713
<u>City of Atlanta</u>	549,615	\$0.78 per capita	plus \$2,000	\$430,700
<u>Total</u>	<u>5,339,164</u>			<u>\$6,964,913</u>

NOTE: The above figures are based on a total estimated population for the Atlanta Region of 5,339,164 as of April 1, 2026