

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION**

**60 COMMUNITY DRIVE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330**

**2010  
DUES FORMULA**

There are two (2) Dues categories for the Association:

- (1) **Municipal Membership** - this category is open to all organized cities, towns and plantations in the State of Maine. This allows voting privileges and formal involvement in the Association's policy development and adoption process. All services offered by the Association are available to members in this category.
- (2) **Associate Membership** - this category is available to special districts, public or quasi-municipal corporations, councils of government, regional planning commissions, school administrative districts, public housing authorities, water and sanitary districts, community action programs, health planning agencies, public transportation agencies, emergency rescue units, solid waste systems, and utilities districts. This membership does not have voting rights. Associate members are entitled to all services with the exception of legal counsel.

Several factors were considered in the establishment of the Association's Municipal Membership Dues Formula such as, (a) equity, (b) easily understood, (c) based on reliable and easily obtained data, and (d) reflective, within reason, of the benefits received from membership. In an effort to achieve these factors the MMA executive Committee adopted the following principles:

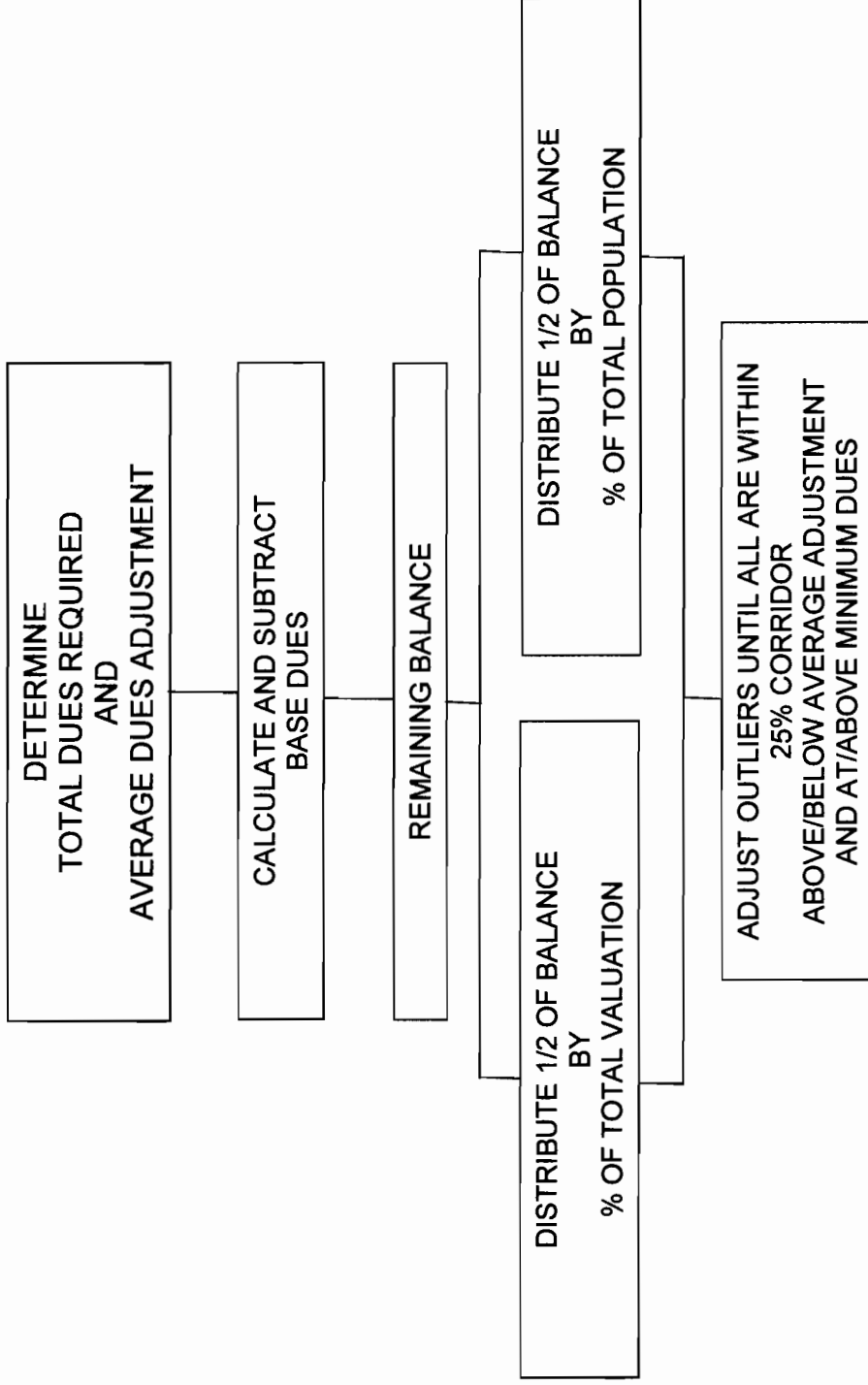
1. The formula will have no automatic growth in dues.
2. A base dues will be charged to all members.
3. A minimum dues will also be established.
4. Dues will be based on 50% population and 50% valuation.
5. A municipal members' current dues adjustment will be no less than 75% and no more than 125% of the average dues adjustment for the year. This was done to allow for the phasing-in of the dues formula implemented in 1983.

For **2010** the Dues calculation, based on the above principles, was as follows:

1. Based on the Association's Approved Budget and amount to be raised by Dues was established by the Executive Committee, this amount from participating members to be \$1,598,011; an increase of 1.0%.
2. The base dues was then established, for this year the amount was \$913
3. The minimum dues to be assessed to any member was set at \$991.
4. The total amount raised by the base dues was then deducted from the total amount to be raised. This calculation is as follows \$1,598,011 - 449,196 = \$1,148,815. The amount remaining is then split 50% to be raised by population and 50% to be raised by valuation. Then each municipality's population and valuation is used to calculate their ratio to the state's total population and valuation. This determines the remaining amount of the dues assessment and is added to the base dues.
5. Associate Member dues are \$550.
6. Additional Memberships available are:

Individual Patron Member	\$75
Professional Patron Member	\$200
Business Patron Member	\$500

# MUNICIPAL DUES FORMULA



**BASE DUES:** increased annually by average dues adjustment; may be adjusted by fixed \$ amount.  
**MINIMUM DUES:** adjusted annually by average adjustment; may be adjusted by fixed \$ amount.  
**POPULATION:** statistics obtained from State Treasurer's Municipal Revenue Sharing Report.  
**VALUATION:** statistics obtained from State Treasurer's Municipal Revenue Sharing Report.