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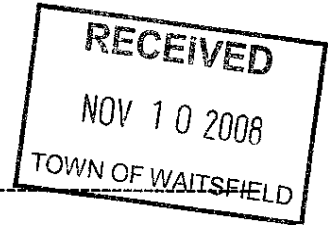
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**TO: Selectboards/City Councils, Mayors, Clerk/Treasurers, and
Managers**

FROM: William Perkins, Vermont League of Cities and Towns President

RE: VLCT BOARD SETS FY10 DUES

DATE: November 7, 2008



The Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors has set the organization's dues for the fiscal year beginning in July of 2009 at **\$.86 per capita**, based on the **2007 U.S. Census population estimates figures**. The **per municipality service fee** is **\$550**.

Attached is a dues list for FY10 (right-hand columns) for inclusion in your budgets for next year. **This is not a bill. Do not send in your dues now!** We will send you a bill in June of next year, along with a reminder that the VLCT Bylaws require members to make full payment of dues billed.

The dues structure reflects an increase of three cents per capita and a \$50 per municipality increase in the municipal service fee, and a small adjustment due to using the more recent U.S. Census population estimates (actually a net decrease overall due to a Census recalculation). Total dues revenue will increase by 4.48%. The average town will see its VLCT dues increase by \$79 over last year.

We understand that municipalities are facing economic pressures as they prepare their budgets for Town Meeting. We believe that cutbacks in state and local resources will make the services provided by VLCT that much more critical in the months ahead. We also believe that that our current dues structure provides VLCT with a base amount of revenues necessary to support recently expanded services such as the **Municipal Assistance Center's** financial, management and law enforcement consulting services and on-site training program.

The Board also feels that this level of dues is necessary to provide VLCT with the ability to be an active participant in the very difficult upcoming legislative session. Dealing with state revenue shortfalls appears headed toward being the top legislative issue this winter, with finding a solution for our transportation funding crisis not far behind. VLCT's strong presence is necessary to assure that local governments and property taxpayers don't end up footing the bill.

Please remember that membership in the VLCT Health Trust, VLCT PACIF and the VLCT Unemployment Trust is contingent upon your membership in VLCT.

Sponsor of:

VLCT Health Trust, Inc.

VLCT Municipal Assistance
Center

VLCT Property and Casualty
Intermunicipal Fund, Inc.

VLCT Unemployment
Insurance Trust, Inc.

The **Health Trust** is deep into its 2009 renewal with CIGNA. We plan to unveil the rates at next week's Annual Meeting. The news will not be good, but we continue to provide you and your employees with the best alternatives available at the most affordable prices.

The value of **VLCT PACIF** to all our members was made painfully clear six years ago when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies. PACIF membership went from 243 Vermont municipalities to 349 currently (including villages, fire districts and other municipal entities) currently. For the 2006 renewal, the PACIF Board put your reinsurance coverage out to bid – a substantial undertaking that saved more than a \$1 million over that offered by our previous carrier. Our 2009 contribution rates will be released later this month and we have good news for members. The **Unemployment Insurance Trust** will also have good news for its members concerning its 2009 rates.

The Board sees many difficult challenges for Vermont local government in the coming months and feels that we need a strong League to help you meet them.

Also enclosed, please find a short explanation of VLCT services for inclusion in your Town Report. If you wish an electronic version of this in Microsoft Word format, please e-mail us at info@vlct.org. This document is also available via www.vlct.org, on the About VLCT page. Please be sure to pass this information along to the person in charge of your Town Report.

We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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Enclosures

ADOPTED VLCT FULL MEMBER DUES FOR FY10

TOWN/CITY	2007 US CENSUS POPULATION ESTIMATE	FY10 DUES@ \$.86 PER CAPITA, 2007 CENSUS BUREAU EST., \$550 SERVICE FEE	TOWN/CITY	2007 US CENSUS POPULATION ESTIMATE	FY10 DUES@ \$.86 PER CAPITA, 2007 CENSUS BUREAU EST., \$550 SERVICE FEE
ADDISON	1,431	\$ 1,781	EDEN	1,120	\$ 1,513
ALBANY	817	\$ 1,253	ELMORE	961	\$ 1,376
ALBURG	2,023	\$ 2,290	ENOSBURG	2,716	\$ 2,886
ANDOVER	548	\$ 1,021	ESSEX	19,465	\$ 17,290
ARLINGTON	2,426	\$ 2,636	FAIR HAVEN	2,929	\$ 3,069
ATHENS	326	\$ 830	FAIRFAX	4,142	\$ 4,112
BAKERSFIELD	1,393	\$ 1,748	FAIRFIELD	1,894	\$ 2,179
BALTIMORE	260	\$ 774	FAIRLEE	1,008	\$ 1,417
BARNARD	961	\$ 1,376	FAYSTON	1,245	\$ 1,621
BARNET	1,779	\$ 2,080	FERRISBURGH	2,692	\$ 2,865
BARRE CITY	8,905	\$ 8,208	FLETCHER	1,292	\$ 1,661
BARRE TOWN	7,989	\$ 7,421	FRANKLIN	1,310	\$ 1,677
BARTON	2,820	\$ 2,975	GEORGIA	4,506	\$ 4,425
BELVIDERE	287	\$ 797	GLOVER	939	\$ 1,358
BENNINGTON	15,155	\$ 13,583	GOSHEN	218	\$ 737
BENSON	1,024	\$ 1,431	GRAFTON	619	\$ 1,082
BERKSHIRE	1,601	\$ 1,927	GRANBY	84	\$ 622
BERLIN	2,822	\$ 2,977	GRAND ISLE	2,306	\$ 2,533
BETHEL	1,940	\$ 2,218	GRANVILLE	287	\$ 797
BLOOMFIELD	256	\$ 770	GREENSBORO	777	\$ 1,218
BOLTON	1,006	\$ 1,415	GROTON	966	\$ 1,381
BRADFORD	2,667	\$ 2,844	GUILDHALL	268	\$ 780
BRAINTREE	1,235	\$ 1,612	GUILFORD	1,960	\$ 2,236
BRANDON	3,886	\$ 3,892	HALIFAX	817	\$ 1,253
BRATTLEBORO	11,590	\$ 10,517	HANCOCK	363	\$ 862
BRIDGEWATER	926	\$ 1,346	HARDWICK	3,226	\$ 3,324
BRIDPORT	1,248	\$ 1,623	HARTFORD	10,700	\$ 9,752
BRIGHTON	1,314	\$ 1,680	HARTLAND	3,059	\$ 3,181
BRISTOL	3,770	\$ 3,792	HIGHGATE	3,674	\$ 3,710
BROOKFIELD	1,245	\$ 1,621	HINESBURG	4,619	\$ 4,522
BROOKLINE	447	\$ 934	HOLLAND	574	\$ 1,044
BROWNINGTON	864	\$ 1,293	HUBBARDTON	775	\$ 1,217
BRUNSWICK	104	\$ 639	HUNTINGTON	1,956	\$ 2,232
BURKE	1,716	\$ 2,026	HYDE PARK	3,232	\$ 3,330
BURLINGTON	38,531	\$ 33,687	IRA	451	\$ 938
CABOT	1,322	\$ 1,687	IRASBURG	1,049	\$ 1,452
CALAIS	1,538	\$ 1,873	ISLE LAMOTTE	505	\$ 984
CAMBRIDGE	3,088	\$ 3,206	JAMAICA	907	\$ 1,330
CANAAN	1,086	\$ 1,484	JAY	531	\$ 1,007
CASTLETON	4,372	\$ 4,310	JERICO	5,170	\$ 4,996
CAVENDISH	1,391	\$ 1,746	JOHNSON	3,200	\$ 3,302
CHARLESTON	871	\$ 1,299	KILLINGTON	1,138	\$ 1,529
CHARLOTTE	3,754	\$ 3,778	KIRBY	522	\$ 999
CHELSEA	1,234	\$ 1,611	LANDGROVE	138	\$ 669
CHESTER	3,031	\$ 3,157	LEICESTER	1,010	\$ 1,419
CHITTENDEN	1,264	\$ 1,637	LEMINGTON	111	\$ 645
CLARENDON	2,895	\$ 3,040	LINCOLN	1,270	\$ 1,642
COLCHESTER	17,207	\$ 15,348	LONDONDERRY	1,779	\$ 2,080
CONCORD	1,203	\$ 1,585	LOWELL	719	\$ 1,168
CORINTH	1,458	\$ 1,804	LUDLOW	2,654	\$ 2,832
CORNWALL	1,226	\$ 1,604	LUNENBURG	1,288	\$ 1,658
COVENTRY	992	\$ 1,403	LYNDON	5,713	\$ 5,463
CRAFTSBURY	1,107	\$ 1,502	MAIDSTONE	106	\$ 641
DANBY	1,277	\$ 1,648	MANCHESTER	4,282	\$ 4,233
DANVILLE	2,336	\$ 2,559	MARLBORO	978	\$ 1,391
DERBY	4,823	\$ 4,698	MARSHFIELD	1,607	\$ 1,932
DORSET	2,103	\$ 2,359	MENDON	1,083	\$ 1,481
DOVER	1,437	\$ 1,786	MIDDLEBURY	8,205	\$ 7,606
DUMMERSTON	1,942	\$ 2,220	MIDDLESEX	1,867	\$ 2,156
DUXBURY	1,315	\$ 1,681	MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	810	\$ 1,247
EAST HAVEN	298	\$ 806	MILTON	10,539	\$ 9,614
EAST MONTPELIER	2,701	\$ 2,873	MONKTON	1,981	\$ 2,254

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MONTGOMERY	1,056 \$	1,458	STAMFORD	794 \$	1,233
MONTPELIER	7,806 \$	7,263	STANNARD	197 \$	719
MORETOWN	1,724 \$	2,033	STARKSBORO	1,924 \$	2,205
MORGAN	739 \$	1,186	STOCKBRIDGE	685 \$	1,139
MORRISTOWN	5,524 \$	5,301	STOWE	4,886 \$	4,752
MOUNT HOLLY	1,221 \$	1,600	STRAFFORD	1,084 \$	1,482
MOUNT TABOR	199 \$	721	STRATTON	167 \$	694
NEW HAVEN	1,820 \$	2,115	SUDBURY	606 \$	1,071
NEWARK	461 \$	946	SUNDERLAND	886 \$	1,312
NEWBURY	2,158 \$	2,406	SUTTON	1,062 \$	1,463
NEWFANE	1,720 \$	2,029	SWANTON	6,431 \$	6,081
NEWPORT CITY	5,185 \$	5,009	THETFORD	2,779 \$	2,940
NEWPORT TOWN	1,955 \$	2,231	TINMOUTH	627 \$	1,089
NORTH HERO	905 \$	1,328	TOPSHAM	1,139 \$	1,530
NORTHFIELD	5,748 \$	5,493	TOWNSEND	1,096 \$	1,493
NORTON	228 \$	746	TROY	1,705 \$	2,016
NORWICH	3,508 \$	3,567	TUNBRIDGE	1,305 \$	1,672
ORANGE	965 \$	1,380	UNDERHILL	3,080 \$	3,199
ORWELL	1,222 \$	1,601	VERGENNES	2,696 \$	2,869
PANTON	687 \$	1,141	VERNON	2,055 \$	2,317
PAWLET	1,425 \$	1,776	VERSHIRE	628 \$	1,090
PEACHAM	678 \$	1,133	VICTORY	96 \$	633
PERU	426 \$	916	WAITSFIELD	1,678 \$	1,993
PITTSFIELD	419 \$	910	WALDEN	765 \$	1,208
PITTSFORD	3,206 \$	3,307	WALLINGFORD	2,324 \$	2,549
PLAINFIELD	1,349 \$	1,710	WALTHAM	485 \$	967
PLYMOUTH	572 \$	1,042	WARDSBORO	902 \$	1,326
POMFRET	965 \$	1,380	WARREN	1,731 \$	2,039
POULTNEY	3,544 \$	3,598	WASHINGTON	1,099 \$	1,495
POWNA	3,454 \$	3,520	WATERBURY	5,348 \$	5,149
PROCTOR	1,820 \$	2,115	WATERFORD	1,225 \$	1,604
PUTNEY	2,606 \$	2,791	WATERVILLE	680 \$	1,135
RANDOLPH	5,045 \$	4,889	WEATHERSFIELD	2,842 \$	2,994
READING	712 \$	1,162	WELLS	1,097 \$	1,493
READSBORO	769 \$	1,211	WEST FAIRLEE	726 \$	1,174
RICHFORD	2,312 \$	2,538	WEST HAVEN	310 \$	817
RICHMOND	4,171 \$	4,137	WEST RUTLAND	2,522 \$	2,719
RIPTON	588 \$	1,056	WEST WINDSOR	1,099 \$	1,495
ROCHESTER	1,135 \$	1,526	WESTFIELD	522 \$	999
ROCKINGHAM	5,003 \$	4,853	WESTFORD	2,205 \$	2,446
ROXBURY	555 \$	1,027	WESTMINSTER	3,211 \$	3,311
ROYALTON	2,465 \$	2,670	WESTMORE	313 \$	819
RUPERT	705 \$	1,156	WESTON	634 \$	1,095
RUTLAND CITY	16,826 \$	15,020	WEYBRIDGE	829 \$	1,263
RUTLAND TOWN	4,092 \$	4,069	WHEELOCK	609 \$	1,074
RYEGATE	1,217 \$	1,597	WHITING	408 \$	901
SAINT ALBANS CITY	7,305 \$	6,832	WHITINGHAM	1,214 \$	1,594
SAINT ALBANS TOWN	6,009 \$	5,718	WILLIAMSTOWN	3,227 \$	3,325
SAINT GEORGE	690 \$	1,143	WILLISTON	8,371 \$	7,749
SAINT JOHNSBURY	7,468 \$	6,972	WILMINGTON	2,355 \$	2,575
SALISBURY	1,105 \$	1,500	WINDHAM	344 \$	846
SANDGATE	351 \$	852	WINDSOR	3,633 \$	3,674
SEARSBURG	90 \$	627	WINHALL	777 \$	1,218
SHAFTSBURY	3,693 \$	3,726	WINOOSKI	6,462 \$	6,107
SHARON	1,346 \$	1,708	WOLCOTT	1,698 \$	2,010
SHEFFIELD	715 \$	1,165	WOODBURY	810 \$	1,247
SHELBURNE	7,143 \$	6,693	WOODFORD	388 \$	884
SHELDON	2,293 \$	2,522	WOODSTOCK	3,143 \$	3,253
SHOREHAM	1,295 \$	1,664	WORCESTER	866 \$	1,295
SHREWSBURY	1,128 \$	1,520			
SOUTH BURLINGTON	17,445 \$	15,553			
SOUTH HERO	1,862 \$	2,151			
SPRINGFIELD	8,666 \$	8,003			

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2008 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 145 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 12 workshops and 38 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1400 people. MAC distributed almost 150 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will be facing significant challenges in the 2009 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2007 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Last summer, VLCT was instrumental in assuring that towns would be able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT Web site at www.vlct.org.