
THE LAKE ZURICH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026**

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WHEREAS, the Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District (the “District”) is a non-home rule unit of government organized and operating under the authority of the Illinois Constitution and the Fire District Act, 70 ILCS 705 et seq.;

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the District are required by the statute to prepare and enact a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Budget Law 50 ILCS 330, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the District is required to adopt an ordinance setting forth the Budget and making appropriations of sums of money for all of the necessary expenditures of the District for corporate and ambulance purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEES (KNOWN HEREINAFTER AS THE “BOARD”) OF THE LAKE ZURICH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (KNOWN HEREINAFTER AS THE “DISTRICT”), COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated as substantive portions hereof as though set forth herein.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined:

(a) This Board has heretofore caused to be prepared the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance in form, which has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action hereunder:

(b) A public hearing was held at Fire Station #4, 21970 W. Field Parkway, Deer Park, IL 60010, on the 9th day of the month of February in the year of 2026, on said annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, notice of said hearing having been given by publication in the Daily Herald, being a newspaper published within this District, at least thirty (30) days prior to such hearing, and;

(c) That all other legal requirements for the adoption of the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of this District for the shortened fiscal year which begins January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, have heretofore been performed.

SECTION 3. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby budgeted and appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on the First day of January 2026, and ending on the 31st day of December 2026.

	Corporate Fund/Corporate Purposes		Ambulance Fund		Total Budget	Tot Appropriation	
	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	2026	
	Budget	Appropriation	Budget	Appropriation			
1	Administrative						
A	General Office Expenses						
	Postage	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$240.00	\$280.00
	Office Supplies	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
	Post Office Box Rent	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
	Fax and Phone	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
	Other Office Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
		\$1,615.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,615.00	\$2,250.00	\$3,230.00	\$4,500.00
B	Publication of Legal Notices	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
C	Dues/Meetings/Conference Attendance	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00
D	Insurance	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
E	Miscellaneous/Consulting	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$16,000.00
		\$17,915.00	\$22,450.00	\$17,915.00	\$22,450.00	\$35,830.00	\$44,900.00
2	Compensation						
A	Compensation Of Trustees	\$11,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$30,000.00
B	Compensation of Outside Legal Counsel	\$37,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$37,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00
C	Compensation of Bookkeeper/Recording Secretary	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$40,000.00
D	Compensation of Auditor	\$5,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$15,000.00
		\$71,250.00	\$92,500.00	\$71,250.00	\$92,500.00	\$142,500.00	\$185,000.00
3	Fire Protection						
A	Contract-Village of Lake Zurich	\$3,810,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	\$3,810,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	\$7,620,000.00	\$7,800,000.00
B	Collection Of Ambulance Fees Expense			\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00
C	GEMT fees to State of illinois	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00
		\$3,810,000.00	\$3,900,000.00	\$3,935,000.00	\$4,050,000.00	\$7,745,000.00	\$7,950,000.00
4 A	Utilities						
	Electricity	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
	Gas	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$24,000.00
	Water	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,400.00
		\$18,500.00	\$21,200.00	\$18,500.00	\$21,200.00	\$37,000.00	\$42,400.00
B	Trash Services	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
C	Outdoor Maintenance/Site Maintenance Landscaping/Snow Plowing	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00
D	Miscellaneous Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
E	Remodeling/Upgrades	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$280,000.00
F	Bay Floor Coatings	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
G	Septic Field	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00
		\$182,000.00	\$214,700.00	\$182,000.00	\$214,700.00	\$364,000.00	\$429,400.00
5	Building Maintenance						
A	Building Maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$220,000.00
B	Building Furnishings and Equipment	\$65,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$150,000.00
C	Dry Hydrant/Opticom Installation	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00			\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00
		\$315,000.00	\$385,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$570,000.00
6	Contingent	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00
	Total Budgeted Operating Expenses	\$4,471,165.00	\$4,714,650.00	\$4,446,165.00	\$4,664,650.00	\$8,917,330.00	\$9,379,300.00

Each of said sums of money and the aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by this Board of Trustees to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of this District during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 for the respective purposes set forth.

All unexpended balances of the appropriations for the fiscal year ending 2025 and prior years are hereby specifically reappropriated for the same general purposes for which they were originally made and may be expended in making up any insufficiency of any other items provided in this appropriation ordinance, in making this appropriation in accordance with applicable law.

The receipts and revenue of said District derived from sources other than taxation and not specifically appropriated, shall constitute the general corporate fund and shall first be placed to the credit of such fund.

SECTION 4. The following determinations have been made and are hereby made a part of the aforesaid budget:

- (a) An estimate of the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is expected to be \$16,887,667.00
- (b) An estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources is \$7,482,620.00
- (c) An estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year is \$8,917,330.00
- (d) An estimate of the cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year is \$15,452,957.00
- (e) An estimate of the amount of taxes to be received during the fiscal year is \$7,017,620.00.

SECTION 5: The receipts and revenues of the Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District derived from sources other than taxation and not specifically appropriated, and all unexpected balances from the preceding fiscal year not required for the purposes for which they were appropriated and levied shall constitute the General Corporate Fund and shall first be placed to the credit of such fund.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY. In the event that any clause, provisions, or part of this Ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, all parts that are severable from invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its enactment subject to the Public Notice requirements herein.

SECTION 8: A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the county clerk within 30 days after adoption.