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Via Certified Mail

City Name
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Re: Budgeting Reminder – Jail Per Diem Rates

Dear Mayor,

As you are preparing your budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2026, please remember during the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, HB3552 was passed and subsequently approved by the Governor on March 29, 2023. This bill amended West Virginia Code §15A-3-16, relating to jail per diem costs.

The State Budget Office is required by law to establish the per diem rate annually based on the three most current years of jail operating expenses. **The current per diem rate established by the State Budget Office is \$75.44. Absent further legislative action, jail billings to cities and towns will be based on the rate of \$75.44 beginning with the July 2026 billing cycle.**

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Nitardy, Accounts Receivable Manager, at 304-352-0218 or by email at Angela.D.Nitardy@wv.gov.

Very respectfully,

Tina Desmond