

MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS OF OHO NEWSLETTER

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Get Your Bulletin on Friday!

Many of our Bulletin readers tell they are often quite stressed out over the weekend worrying about what the General Assembly is going to do to Ohio's cities and villages the following week. If only they knew on Friday what was going to happen in Columbus the next week, they could enjoy their weekends in that carefree way they remember from their childhood, they say.

And we, of course, tell them to just send us their e-mail address and we'll send them the Bulletin every Friday just to make their weekends fun again. It's easy (just e-mail your address to omunileague2@copper.net). It's simple (we send it to you by noon or so on Friday attached in word and word perfect). It saves the League money (no postage). It may get you a little more information (we sometimes use our Bulletin e-mail list to gather and share information with our subscribers on various municipal issues). It allows for more officials in your city or village to get the Bulletin (no postage/no limits).

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Dates to Remember

The Municipal Finance Officers will be holding their Annual Conference from April 23-25, 2003. The location of the Conference will be the Embassy Suites Hotel, Dublin Ohio. Also, the OML Conference will be held from October 1-3, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency, Cincinnati.

2003 Conference on the Way

We are in the process of putting together the Spring Conference program. If there is a particular topic or speaker that you would like as part of the program, would you please convey those wishes to the OML office either via fax (614)-221-4390, phone (614)221-4349 or email at edwardaa@prodigy.net.

Preliminary Report Form Committee to Study State & Local Taxes Unveiled

The draft report from the committee surfaced the last week of January. The report may be viewed at the Ohio Department Of Taxation website, www.state.oh.us/tax. There is a lot of information contained in the report and some of the report does have a direct impact on your municipality.

Pers Will Soon File Rule That Will Impact Your Budget

The Public Employee Retirement System has announced its intention to seek a change of the remittance schedule for employer contributions. Beginning July 1, 2003 PERS wants the employers to pay both the employee and employer contributions at the same time on a monthly basis. At present, employer contributions are remitted quarterly and employee contributions are remitted monthly. PERS will be seeking to make this change through rule.

PERS may also be seeking a change in statute seeking to speed up the penalty provision when employer contributions are not paid to PERS in a timely fashion.

These two changes in the first year of implementation will cause employers to pay two extra months of contributions to PERS.

PERS has prepared a list of those public employers who could be impacted by these changes and an estimate as to how much these changes could cost your municipality. The following list is not a complete list, but it contains those who could be hit the worst.

EMPLOYER TWO MONTH LIABILITY

AKRON	\$1,574,652
BARBERTON	\$ 186,544
CANTON	\$ 581,618
CINCINNATI	\$ 303,070
CLEVELAND	\$5,471,245
COLUMBUS	\$4,662,010
DAYTON	\$1,942,613

Mar. 1: Joint ceremonial session recognizing the state's bicentennial, Ross County Courthouse in Chillicothe
 Mar. 4 & 5: Sessions
 Mar. 6: Committee hearings
 Mar. 11 & 12: Sessions
 Mar. 13: Committee hearings
 Mar. 18 & 19: Sessions
 Mar. 20: Committee hearings

FINDLAY	\$ 206,713
HAMILTON	\$ 537,612
KETTERING	\$ 352,587
LAKESWOOD	\$ 397,986
LANCASTER	\$ 253,781
LORAIN	\$ 352,607
MANSFIELD	\$ 330,438
MENTOR	\$ 271,162
MIDDLETOWN	\$ 276,288
NEWARK	\$ 258,416
PAINESVILLE	\$ 220,950
PARMA	\$ 322,774
SANDUSKY	\$ 179,102
SHAKER HEIGHTS	\$ 290,596
SPRINGFIELD	\$ 397,316
STRONGSVILLE	\$ 184,694
TOLEDO	\$1,568,089
WADSWORTH	\$ 199,833
WARREN	\$ 270,434
WESTERVILLE	\$ 245,059
YOUNGSTOWN	\$ 460,592

As mentioned before, this is by no means an exhaustive listing of municipalities and their liabilities. Be assured that unless you are a pay-as-you-go there will be a monetary impact upon your municipality.

Session Dates for the First Half of 2003

FEBRUARY 2003

Feb. 4 & 5: Sessions
 Feb. 6: Committee hearings
 Feb. 11 & 12: Sessions
 Feb. 13: Committee hearings
 Feb. 18, 19 & 20: Committee hearings
 Feb. 25 & 26: Sessions
 Feb. 27: Committee hearings

MARCH 2003

Mar. 25 & 26: Sessions
 Mar. 27: Session (House); Committee hearings (Senate)

APRIL 2003

Apr. 1 & 2: Sessions
 Apr. 3: Session (House); Committee hearings (Senate)
 Apr. 8 & 9:

Sessions Apr. 10: Session (House); Committee hearings (Senate) Apr. 15, 16 & 17: Spring recess Apr. 22, 23 & 24: Spring recess Apr. 29 & 30: Sessions

MAY 2003

May 1: Session (House); Committee hearings (Senate) May 6, 7 & 8: Sessions May 13 & 14: Sessions May 15: Committee hearings May 20, 21 & 22: Sessions May 27, 28 & 29: Sessions

JUNE 2003

June 3, 4 & 5: Sessions June 10, 11 & 12: Sessions June 17, 18 & 19: Sessions June 23, 24, 25: Sessions June 26, 27 & 28: Sessions (if needed) June 30: Session (if needed)

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