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**TO:** Tim Boring  
Director, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

**FROM:** Rachael Eubanks *Rachael Eubanks*  
State Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** Drain Maintenance and Repair Inflation Adjustment

MCL 280.196(4) provides

If an inspection discloses the necessity of expending money for the maintenance or repair of a drain to keep it in working order, the drain commissioner for a county drain, or the drainage board for an intercounty drain, may without petition expend an amount not to exceed in any 1 year \$10,000.00 per mile or fraction of a mile for maintenance and repair of the drain, not including inspection and engineering fees, legal fees, and the cost of 2 publication and mailing. The maximum expenditure allowed under this subsection shall be determined based on the total number of miles of the drain and not on the number of miles actually inspected, maintained, or repaired. Costs incurred for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of a drain performed under this section may be financed and assessed under this act for not more than 10 years. As of January 1, 2025, and each calendar year thereafter, the state treasurer shall adjust the \$10,000.00 figure in this subsection by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index since January 1, 2024. As used in this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" means the most comprehensive and recently available index of consumer prices for this state from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The state treasurer shall report the adjusted amount to the department of agriculture, which shall post and maintain the adjusted amount on its publicly accessible website.

As of January 2026, the Detroit consumer price index rose 4.9 percent since January 1, 2024. In December 2023 the index number was 283.757 and the December 2025 index number was 297.783 which resulted in a 4.9 percent increase. Therefore, **the adjusted amount specified in 280.196(4) is \$10,490.**

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