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Empire Township Agreement Renewal

TO Honorable Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator
FROM Jason T. Williamson, Chief of Police
DATE November 1, 2026

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Renew the Agreement Before November 30

I recommend renewing the **Empire Township Intergovernmental Agreement** (*IGA*) to maintain LeRoy police authority to patrol and issue citations within the township. The agreement expires **November 30, 2026**, at the end of Sheriff Matt Lane's term. Sheriff-Elect Jon Albee supports renewal and begins his first term **December 1st, 2026**. Previous Sheriffs Mike Emery, Jon Sandage, and Matt Lane supported the agreement since its inception.

TOWNSHIP COST	ANNUAL CITY COURT FINES	AGREEMENT IN PLACE
$0	**$25,000**	**Since 2013**
No cost under the IGA	Average received annually	Effective December 3, 2013

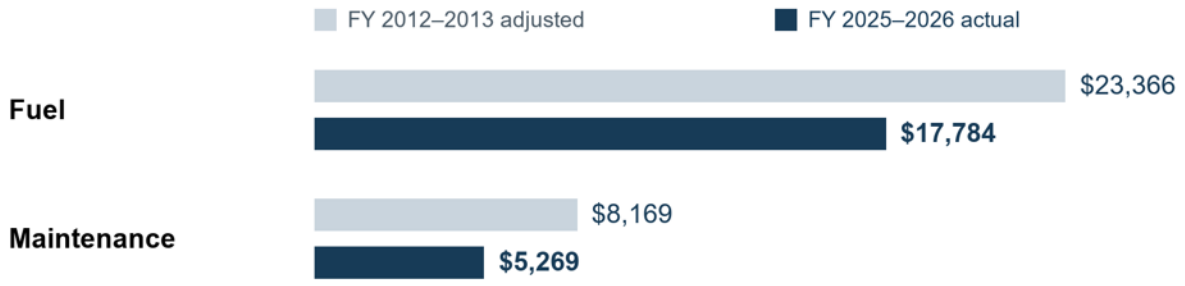
Required approvals

Renewal requires approval by the City Council and Empire Township Board, plus the Sheriff's advice and consent. Approve renewal and coordinate these approvals before the current agreement expires.

Financial Impact

The township assigns to the City any fine revenue it is entitled to receive from citations on township roads. More than half of the City's average annual court-fine revenue comes from citations just outside city limits. Penalties are substantially higher for speeds more than 25 mph over the limit.

City costs have been minimal, with no observed increase in fuel or mileage per officer. FY 2025–2026 fuel and maintenance costs were below the inflation-adjusted historical comparison of time periods before this IGA.



FY 2012–2013 actual costs were $16,156 for fuel and $5,649 for maintenance. Adjusted figures are estimates in current dollars (usainflation.com) .

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Public Safety and Coverage

Enforcement Beyond City Limits

The IGA enables officers to address impaired driving, reckless driving, and excessive speeding on roads used by LeRoy residents. These stops interrupt dangerous behavior and help deter future violations.

In 2026 alone, traffic stops made by the LeRoy Police Department outside of city limits resulted in 44 citations for Speeding 90+mph, 3 No Valid License arrests, 15 Driving While Suspended or Revoked License arrests, 2 DUI arrests, and 1 Fleeing/Eluding arrest.

Complaints are common on Route 150, LeRoy-Lexington Road, I-74, and US 136. Many citations for speeds above 100 mph begin with driver complaints broadcast by Illinois State Police (ISP). A portion of I74 is in the city limits, however, the safest observation points are the emergency turnarounds east and west of the LeRoy exit; both are outside city limits. LeRoy School District busses operate throughout the township.

View interstate turnaround map

On February 12, 2025, a LeRoy resident died in a head-on crash on US 136 south of LeRoy. ISP's investigation alleges that the suspect vehicle was speeding excessively at the time of the crash. Had a complaint been received beforehand, the IGA would have provided jurisdiction for LeRoy PD to respond and make a traffic stop for speeding.

Enforcement examples

CASE	REPORTED CONDUCT	LEROY RESPONSE
Feb 28, 2025 202502638	Gold Hyundai van eastbound on I-74 near mile marker 140; varying speeds and near collisions.	Officer used the mile marker 148 turnaround, measured 47 mph in a 70 mph zone, and arrested the driver for DUI after investigation.
Dec 9, 2024 202417487	Possible DUI eastbound on I-74 near mile marker 139.	Officer used the mile marker 148 turnaround, observed speeding, and arrested the driver for Aggravated DUI and DWLS after investigation.

Both reports came through ISPERN (State Police emergency radio network). The mile marker 148 turnaround is approximately one mile west of the LeRoy exit.

Community locations served

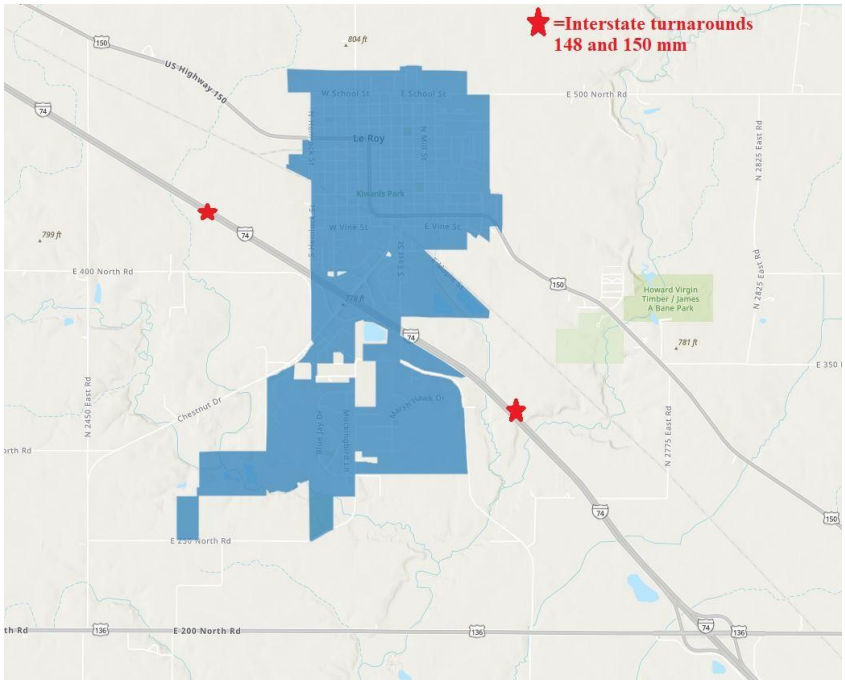
AREA	LOCATIONS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
School facilities	District bus lot, where catalytic converters have been stolen from buses on two separate occasions; east half of the football field; grandstands; entire adjacent track.
Community sites	LeRoy Country Club; Oak Grove Cemetery; Howard Virgin Park; grain elevator.
Roads and areas	Portions of Salt Creek Road; Buckles Grove Road; Bronco and Pinto; I74; US 150; US 136; Ler/Lex
Other properties	433 S. Chestnut St. next to Jack's restaurant; 606 S. Buck St.; 414 Sunset Dr. These properties are within the developed community but outside city limits.

View school facilities map

Over-weight truck coordination The township road commissioner may report suspected overweight trucks to LeRoy police, who would have authority to take enforcement action under the IGA.

Jurisdiction Maps

Interstate Observation Locations



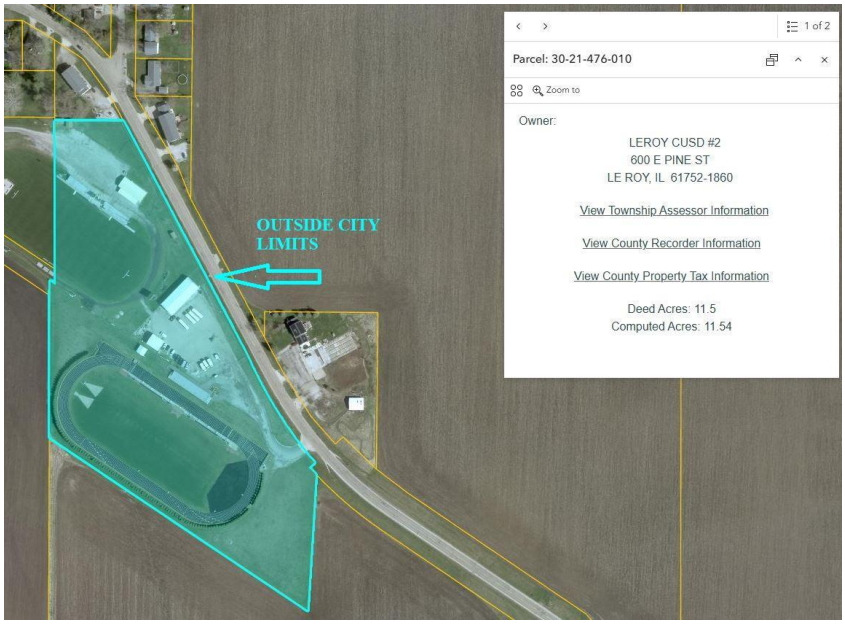
Two Observation Points
Mile markers 148 and 150

Red stars identify the emergency turnarounds east and west of the LeRoy exit.

Blue shading shows the city limits. The exit is inside the limits; both turnarounds are outside.

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School Facilities Outside City Limits



Facilities Served by the IGA

- District bus lot
- East half of the football field
- Football Grandstands
- Entire adjacent track

These facilities lie outside the city limits.

Return to community coverage

Map source: mcgis.org

LE ROY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

Kevin Daugherty, **Board President**
Jeff Baughman, **Superintendent**
Karin Morgan, **Executive Assistant**

October 23, 2026

To: Mayor Steve Dean, City Administrator Dave Jenkins, City Council, and Empire Township Board

Re: Letter of Support for Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Renewal – Joint Community Policing

Dear City and Township Leadership,

I am writing today in my capacity as Superintendent of LeRoy CUSD #2 to express our strong support for the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of LeRoy and Empire Township regarding joint community policing.

As you know, key district facilities—including our bus garage, high school football field, and track facilities—are located within the township, outside of city limits. The safety and security of these properties, our staff, and the hundreds of students and community members who utilize them are among our highest administrative priorities.

In my 20 years working for LeRoy Schools, our district has experienced safety and security challenges in these township-located facilities. Specifically, we have suffered the theft of catalytic converters from multiple school buses on two different occasions, as well as multiple incidents of property vandalism at our athletic facilities. Additionally, large-scale community gatherings at our football games and track meets require a strong, visible law enforcement presence to ensure traffic control, crowd management, and overall event safety.

Seamless, coordinated police coverage across both city and township boundaries is essential for addressing these challenges. A renewed IGA ensures:

- **Enhanced Facility Security & Patrols:** Regular, proactive patrols around our bus garage and athletic grounds help deter theft, vandalism, and unauthorized trespassing outside standard school hours.
- **Support for Athletic & Community Events:** Dedicated public safety management during high-capacity sporting events ensures a safe, family-friendly environment for our students, visiting teams, and spectators.
- **Rapid Emergency Response:** Clear jurisdictional coordination eliminates potential delays during critical safety incidents or urgent calls for service.

Our schools thrive when local government partners work collaboratively. Renewal of this community policing IGA directly protects taxpayer-funded district assets, safeguards our transportation infrastructure, and enhances the safety of our entire community.

On behalf of LeRoy CUSD #2, I urge both the City council and Township board to approve the renewal of this vital agreement. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to the safety of our schools and community.

In partnership,

Jeff Baughman, Superintendent

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October 22, 2026

Re: Empire Township Intergovernmental Agreement

To: The City of LeRoy, Empire Township, and LeRoy Police Department,

I am writing to formally express my support for the longstanding Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of LeRoy and Empire Township.

This agreement has served both communities effectively for many years, providing meaningful public safety benefits to residents and nonresidents alike. The LeRoy Police Department has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, responsiveness, and commitment to service, making this partnership a practical and responsible continuation of established public safety practices.

Criminal activity and traffic-related incidents do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries. Allowing the LeRoy Police Department to exercise appropriate enforcement authority just beyond the city limits ensures timely response to calls for service from county residents, enhances overall safety for the citizens of LeRoy, and promotes safer travel conditions throughout the township. The ability to act promptly and decisively across these shared areas strengthens the protective network available to the entire community.

Given the proven effectiveness of this collaboration and the clear public safety benefits it continues to offer, I support the renewal of this agreement and intend to sign the associated Advice and Consent in my capacity as Sheriff.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant Jon Albee
Support Services Commander
McLean County Sheriff's Office