

***Rhea County  
Economic and Tourism Council, Inc.***  
*107 Main Street  
Dayton, Tennessee 37321  
(423) 775-6171 • (423) 570-0105*

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of the Rhea Economic & Tourism Council (RETC). You may wonder what the difference is between the RETC and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. The two entities have entirely different functions.

The RETC assists existing industries and businesses in their efforts to improve and expand, therefore, creating new jobs. The RETC also helps create jobs by seeking new industries and businesses interested in relocating to Rhea County. Some of the ways the RETC does this is by

- Creating a five (5) year strategic plan to promote the economic and community development for Rhea County
- Helping to secure job training, plus infrastructure funds
- Finding prime locations
- Furnishing community data
- Assisting in obtaining funding, such as loans and grants
- Working closely with the State of Tennessee and other government officials

The RETC also works both industrial and tourism trade shows, sharing information about Rhea County. We furnish Rhea County brochures to welcome centers throughout the State of Tennessee.

The Rhea County Welcome Center is owned by the RETC; the cost of operation is shared with the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. RETC members are offered the following amenities:

- Reduced rental fee for the conference room
- Free web page that links with the State of Tennessee, Southeast Tourism Association, and the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau websites
- We direct potential clients to conduct business with members
- We have a policy to support those who support the RETC

The RETC frequently attends conferences each year in order to learn what is working in other locations. We also work closely with our state senators and representatives, as well as U. S. senators and Congress, to help pass legislation that will benefit the people living and working in Rhea County. We are presently striving to reform workers' compensation for our industries and businesses that have more than five (5) employees.

The RETC board is made up of 31 board members. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, and our meetings are open to the public. The RETC is funded by Rhea County hotel/motel taxes,

as well as funds from the cities of Dayton, Spring City, and Graysville. Approximately 25% of our support comes from membership fees.

Rhea County is growing, but we are limited in what we can do because of funding. **We need your support in order to perform our job to the best of our ability.** The membership dues are as follows:

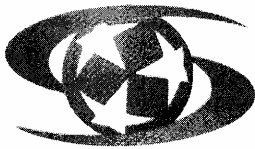
1-5 Employees	\$100.00
6-25 Employees	250.00
26-50 Employees	300.00
51-75 Employees	350.00
76-100 Employees	400.00
101-250 Employees	450.00
251-500 Employees	500.00
501-750 Employees	550.00
751-1000 Employees	600.00
1001-2000 Employees	650.00
2001 Employees or more	700.00

Please consider joining the Rhea Economic & Tourism Council. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Raymond Walker  
Executive Director  
Rhea Economic & Tourism Council, Inc.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(If different from mailing address)

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(If different from mailing address)

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Pager: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Business Started: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Products and/or Services: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Rhea Economic & Tourism Council, Inc. and in consideration of this application, agree to pay the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ annually, which will cover dues from July 1 through June 30 of each year. Membership will continue thereafter unless cancelled or modified in writing while in good standing or otherwise terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.

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Signature

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Date