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ORDINANCE**

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**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JOHN P. DALEY  
AND JESUS G. GARCIA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEEL TAX AMENDMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the County's home rule powers, the Cook County Board of Commissioners on December 30, 1971 adopted an Ordinance to provide for taxes, fees, and licenses associated with the sale and use of various motor vehicles in certain parts of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees associated with the Wheel Tax were last revised by the County Board of Commissioners on December 21, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees associated with obtaining, transferring, or replacing vehicle licenses do not sufficiently address the cost of providing services associated with public health and safety in various parts of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees associated with various motor vehicles are insufficient to address the cost of maintaining and improving relevant highways, roads, and infrastructure and to further provide public health and safety services to various parts of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 74 Taxation, Article XIV, Sections 74-563 and 74-564 of the Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE XIV. WHEEL TAX**

**Sec. 74-563. Transfer.**

(a) Whenever the owner of any vehicle licensed under this article, before the expiration of such license, sells or otherwise disposes of such vehicle, and thereafter acquires another vehicle and desires to transfer the vehicle license originally issued for the vehicle disposed of to such newly-acquired vehicle, such owner shall immediately make application to the Department for a transfer of said vehicle license to the newly-purchased vehicle. Said application shall state the name and address of the licensee and the name and address of the purchaser of said vehicle, together with a description of the newly-purchased vehicle. Upon surrender of the original license and transparent sticker or vehicle tag in case a metal tag has been issued, or upon proof that the transparent sticker or plate has been destroyed, the Department shall transfer said license to apply to the new-acquired vehicle upon payment of the proper license fee of \$20.00, provided, that the Department shall not transfer any license where the transparent sticker emblem issued under said license is defaced or mutilated so as to prevent identification of the emblem. It shall be unlawful for any person to displace a transparent sticker emblem on any vehicle other than the vehicle for which the emblem was originally issued, without first transferring the license to such other vehicle, as provided herein.

(b) The owner of any vehicle licensed under this article shall promptly notify the Department whenever the transparent sticker emblem issued under such license is lost, stolen or destroyed. A duplicate transparent sticker may be purchased from the Department for \$40.00.

**Sec. 74-564. Dealer license.**

(a) If any manufacturer or dealer of any of the motor vehicles mentioned in this article shall make application to the Department and shall state that the manufacturer or dealer is a manufacturer operating a plant for the construction of motor vehicles within the unincorporated area of Cook County, or a dealer in such motor vehicles with a salesroom located within the unincorporated area of Cook County, and desires a license emblem to be used by the dealer or manufacturer, the Department shall upon payment by such applicant of the fee hereinafter set for to such manufacturer or dealer a distinctive license plate or transparent sticker license emblem with a number thereon. Said emblem must be attached to or borne by any such motor vehicles while being operated on the streets of the unincorporated area of Cook County. When any such vehicle is in use and carries such license plate or transparent sticker license emblem, no other license fee shall be collected under the provision of this article.

(b) The annual license fee to be paid for each such license plate or transparent sticker license emblem shall be \$40.00, and said fee shall not be prorated.

(c) Every manufacturer or dealer applying for said plates or transparent sticker license emblem must submit to the Department satisfactory proof of the person's status as such manufacturer or dealer and satisfactory proof of the number of sets of dealer's plates issued to the application by the State of Illinois; provided that no license plates or transparent sticker license emblems shall be issued under this article unless the applicant is in possession of an Illinois dealer's license for the current year. The total number of license plates and transparent sticker license emblems that may be obtained under this article shall not exceed the number of sets of dealer's license plates issued to the applicant by the State.

(d) No such license, plate or emblem shall be used on any motor vehicle rented by such manufacturer or dealer, or on any vehicle used to transport persons or property for hire, or on any vehicle unless such vehicle is operated under a dealer's license issued by the State of Illinois and to which both State license plates are attached.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 32 Fees, Section 32-1 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 32-1. Fee schedule.**

The annual license fees provided for or required by the below listed sections shall be as shown below:

Class		Annual License Fee (in dollars)
	<b>MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	
MB	Motor bicycles or motor tricycles	\$50.00
XSV	Smaller passenger vehicles with a curb weight under 4,500 pounds	\$80.00
XLV	Larger passenger vehicles with a curb weight of at least 4,500 pounds and hearses, ambulances, and privately owned, noncommercial motorized vacation camper or other motorized recreation vehicle	\$100.00
NF	Vehicles owned by the United States Government, State of Illinois or units of local government or vehicles owned by nonprofit organizations or buses owned and operated by churches or vehicles owned by persons with a disability, disabled veterans and persons over the age of 65. (See Sec. 74-554 Exemptions including limitations).	No Fee
SB	Privately owned school buses	\$30.00
	<b>RECREATIONAL TRAILERS</b>	
RT	All noncommercial recreational trailers, including boat trailers, snowmobile trailers, horse trailers, camping trailers and other noncommercial, nonmotorized recreational trailers	\$60.00
	<b>COMMERCIAL TRAILERS</b>	
CT	All commercial trailers regardless of gross weight in pounds of vehicle plus its maximum load	\$150.00
	<b>MOTOR TRUCKS, TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER UNITS AND MOTOR BUSES</b>	
	(Gross weight in pounds of vehicle plus its maximum load)	
A	Up to 10,000 lbs.	\$100.00
B	10,001 to 20,000 lbs.	\$150.00
C	20,001 to 36,000 lbs. (2 or more axles)	\$180.00
D	36,001 to 50,000 lbs. (3 or more axles)	\$200.00
E	50,001 to 75,000 lbs. (4 or more axles)	\$230.00

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**Sec. 32-1. Fee schedule.**

Code Section	Description	Fees, Rates, Charges (in dollars)
<b>CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION</b>		
74-565(b)	Annual license fee for dealer license plate or transparent sticker license emblem, each plate or emblem	\$40.00

**Effective Date:** This Ordinance Amendment shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk