

Village of Tigerton

Vehicle Registration Fee General Information

1. What is the Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee?

It is a \$10 fee that is added to the normal DMV vehicle registration fees. This fee is specifically designed to fund transportation related purposes.

2. What vehicles are subject to a registration fee?

An automobile or a motor truck registered under 8,000 lbs gross weight and customarily kept in the municipality or county that enacted the tax. This includes:

- Automobiles, vans and Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) that qualify as a passenger vehicle
- Motor trucks and dual-purpose motor homes (trucks that can be equipped with a slide-in camper unit) registered at a gross weight of 8,000 lbs. or less.

2. What vehicles are exempt from this fee?

- Buses, motorcycles, mopeds, motor homes, low-speed vehicles and trailers
- Trucks registered at more than 8,000 pounds or registered as Farm or Dual Purpose Farm
- Vehicles registered as Antique, Collector, Driver Education, Historic Military Vehicle, Hobbyist, Human Service Vehicle, Low Speed Vehicle, Medal of Honor, Municipal, State-Owned or Special X and one vehicle with Ex-Prisoner Of War registration issued to any qualified individual
- Any vehicle with registration issued by a Wisconsin Indian tribe or band
- Vehicles displaying Dealer, Distributor, Finance Company or Manufacturer plates

3. When is the fee charged?

WisDOT collects the fee at the time of first registration and at the time of each subsequent registration renewal. WisDOT sends vehicle registration renewal notices at least 30 days before their plates expire. The renewal notice will show the total fee due including the wheel tax. WisDOT adds a message to renewal notices when a new wheel tax is instituted to alert affected customers of the fee change.

4. What can the revenues from the registration fee be used for?

Counties and municipalities must use the moneys for transportation related purposes only (s. 341.35(6r), Wis. Stats.). "Highway" is defined by state law to mean "all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same." Courts have interpreted "highways" to include trails because they are "public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same." "Sidewalk" means that "portion of a highway between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, constructed for use of pedestrians."

5. Which other counties or municipalities have enacted a vehicle registration fee and what is/was the amount of the fee?

- Municipalities
 - Appleton (city; \$20)
 - Arena (township; \$20 beginning for April 2015 registrations)
 - Beloit (city; \$20)
 - Fort Atkinson (city; \$20 beginning for March 2016 registrations)
 - Gillett (city; \$20 beginning for July 2015 registrations)
 - Janesville (city; \$20 beginning for January 2016 registrations)
 - Kaukauna (city; \$10 beginning for August 2015 registrations)
 - Lodi (city; \$20 beginning for May 2016 registrations)
 - Milwaukee (city; \$20)
 - Prairie du Sac (village; \$20 beginning for January 2016 registrations)
 - Sheboygan (city; \$20 beginning for February 2016 registrations)
- Counties
 - Chippewa County (\$10)
 - Iowa County (\$20)
 - St. Croix County (\$10)

Effective Date of Vehicle Registration Fee

- September 2016 vehicle registrations

Registration Fee Amount

- The Village has a fee of \$10.00 per registration
- The WisDOT will pay the Village on a monthly basis

Vehicles registered in Village limits

- There are about 1200 registered vehicles
- This would raise about \$12,000 each year