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Washington County adding registration fee

Vehicle owners will see new fee on registrations expiring on or after July 1

People who live in Washington County will soon see a new fee when they renew their vehicle registrations or purchase and register a new vehicle.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted a county vehicle registration fee in September 2016. The county's share of the fee revenue, estimated at \$8.1 million for fiscal year 2018-19, is committed to maintain county road pavement and to address critical bridge and culvert safety deficiencies. Cities within the county are expected to receive a total of \$5.4 million, which will be divided based on population.

The new fees will take effect for renewals and new registrations beginning July 1, 2018.

DMV mails renewal reminders about six weeks prior to a vehicle's renewal date, so some vehicle owners will begin to see the new fee in May. The fee is based on the vehicle renewal date, not when the fee is paid, so the fee cannot be waived by paying before July 1.

The fee is \$30 per year for most vehicles, such as passenger cars, so the program will add a total of \$60 to the typical two-year registration fee. The owner of a passenger vehicle with a standard tree plate will pay a total of \$172 for two years of registration – \$112 registration, plus \$60 Washington County fee. Custom plates and specialty license plate fees also apply to customers with those options.

For motorcycles and mopeds, the county fee will be \$17 per year, and heavy trailers will be \$10 at initial registration (heavy trailers are permanently registered). For more information, visit www.co.washington.or.us/VRF.

Any time you need to visit a DMV office, first check www.OregonDMV.com to find office hours and locations, and to make sure you have everything you need before your visit.

You also can do some DMV business from home at OregonDMV.com. You can renew vehicle registration, file a change of address or file notice of the sale of your vehicle online without getting in line at an office.

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