

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Elimination of Decals and the Institution of the Vehicle License Fee**

### **Do I still need a Rockingham County decal for my vehicle?**

No. Effective August 25, 2010 the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors voted to eliminate the decal fee and requirement to display a vehicle decal; replacing it with an annual Vehicle License Fee.

### **What is the Vehicle License Fee?**

When the decal fee was eliminated the Board of Supervisors adopted a Vehicle License Fee (VLF). The VLF is approved by the State Code of Virginia and was adopted by the County of Rockingham pursuant to Chapter 11, Article VI, Sections 11-38 through 11-43.

The VLF is levied on each motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer and semi-trailer for which a state license plate is required and which is normally garaged, stored or parked in Rockingham County.

A Vehicle License Fee is assessed each calendar year based on January 1<sup>st</sup> ownership/garage jurisdiction. For calendar year 2011 and subsequent years the license fee is due December 5<sup>th</sup> of the preceding year and will be billed by the Treasurer at the same time as personal property taxes.

### **How do I pay my Vehicle License Fee?**

Along with the Personal Property taxes, the Vehicle License Fee can be paid in person by cash, check or money order at the Treasurers Office at 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 or by mail at P.O. Box 471, Harrisonburg, VA 22803. To pay online by credit card or echeck go to [www.rockinghamcountyva.gov](http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov) and click on Online Payments, a small convenience charge will be assessed by our service provider.

### **What happens if I do not pay my Vehicle License Fee in the current year?**

If the Vehicle License Fee is not paid in the current year it will remain due and be collectible. All collection actions available for Personal Property taxes also apply for the Vehicle License Fee.

### **If I receive 100% tax credit under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act for my vehicle, which is valued at \$1,000 or less and used for non-business purposes, will I receive a bill for a Vehicle License Fee?**

Yes, the Vehicle License Fee will now be included on the annual Personal Property tax bill. If, due to PPTRA tax credit, you do not pay Personal Property taxes, you will still receive a bill for the Vehicle License Fee.

**If I move from Rockingham County to another state and/or locality, will I receive a refund for my Vehicle License Fee?**

No, there is no refund for moving from Rockingham County or for a disposed vehicle. As well, there is no transfer of the Vehicle License Fee to a newly acquired vehicle.

**You should notify the Commissioner of the Revenue's office when any of the following events occur:**

- A change in ownership due to purchase, acquisition, sale, trade or disposal.
- A change in the name or address of the person or persons owning or leasing the motor vehicle, trailer or motorcycle.
- A change in the use of the motor vehicle, trailer or motorcycle from personal to business use or vice versa.
- Occurrence of an event which causes a motor vehicle, trailer or motorcycle to acquire or lose location.
- Any other change affecting the assessment or levy of Personal Property tax on the motor vehicle, trailer or motorcycle for which a return was previously filed.

**Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (540)564-2408 if you have additional questions or email your questions to [tgarber@rockinghamcountyva.gov](mailto:tgarber@rockinghamcountyva.gov).**