

LOCAL CAR TAX – IS YOUR CAR REGISTERED WITH LOUDOUN COUNTY?

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue, Robert S. Wertz Jr., wants Loudoun residents to know that Virginia is a personal property tax state where owners of vehicles are required to pay an annual tax based on the vehicle's January 1 value. Residents of Loudoun County are required to register their vehicles, including leased vehicles, with his office within 60 days of locating their motor vehicles, boats and trailers in the County or one of its incorporated towns. Failure to timely register results in a 10% late filing penalty that is added to the base tax. Liability for taxes begins on the date the vehicle is brought into the County, not the date of registration. In addition to the tax, most vehicles are subject to an annual \$25 vehicle license fee. It is particularly important that residents properly declare their vehicles now since additional fees for failure to comply start next year. Beginning January 1, 2020, an additional annual license fee of \$100 will be charged to vehicle owners whose vehicles are displaying out-of-state license plates and are not otherwise exempt from obtaining Virginia license plates. An additional \$250 penalty may also be imposed on owners of vehicles that are not registered within 60 days of establishing residency in Virginia. While the Commissioner receives information on a weekly basis about vehicles registered with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), new residents and purchasers of new vehicles sometimes don't register their property for local taxes within the required 60-day timeframe or at all. This brief message is intended to let vehicle owners know about local requirements and help them avoid any penalties.

Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with the Commissioner of the Revenue in a number of ways.

- 1) online at <http://www.loudoun.gov/vehicle-register>
- 2) fax a copy of the vehicle registration to 703-777-0263
- 3) in person by providing a copy of the vehicle registration to the Commissioner's Leesburg or Sterling office
- 4) mail a copy of the vehicle registration to the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at, P.O. Box 8000, Leesburg, VA 20177
- 5) email an image of the vehicle registration to ppdcor@loudoun.gov

Please include in the communication the date when the vehicle actually came to Loudoun County, not the date the vehicle was registered with the DMV.

Additional information regarding Loudoun's personal property tax is available online at www.loudoun.gov/cor. Questions can be directed to ppdcor@loudoun.gov or 703-777-0260.

The Offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, except holidays and are located in Leesburg at 1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, VA 20175 in the Loudoun County Government Center and in Sterling at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100, Sterling, VA 20166 in the Loudoun Tech Center.