

# VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERMISSIVE FEE UPDATE

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**MARCH 12, 2018**



CLERMONT COUNTY  
ENGINEER'S OFFICE

# Background

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- House Bill (HB) 26, also known as the State Transportation Bill, took effect June 30, 2017
- HB 26 authorized counties to place an additional \$5 license tax on the registration of motor vehicles

# Clermont County Engineer's Office Primary Revenue Sources – 2017

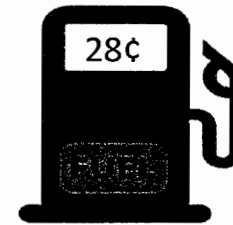
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## LICENSE FEES



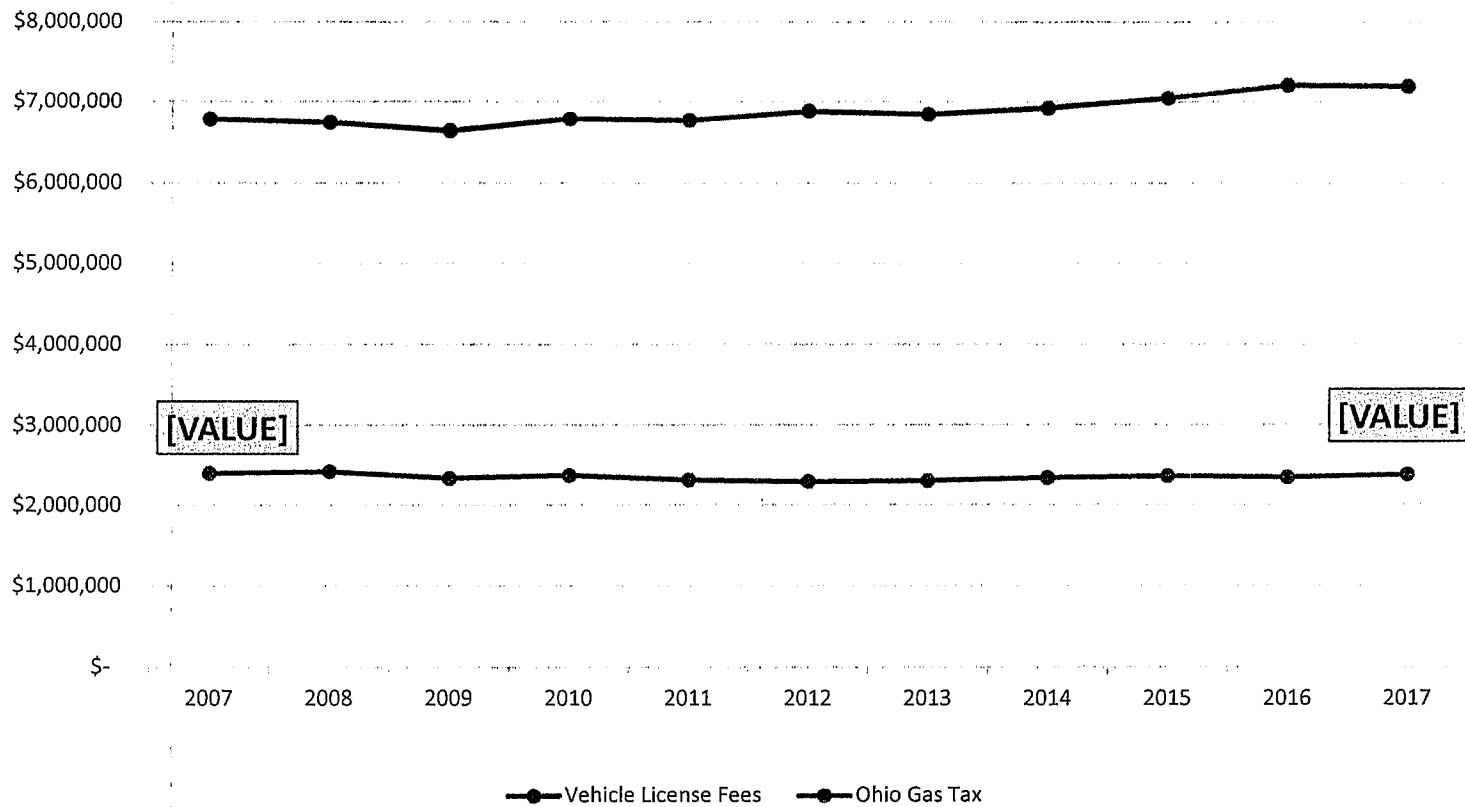
**\$7,204,604**

## OHIO FUEL TAX

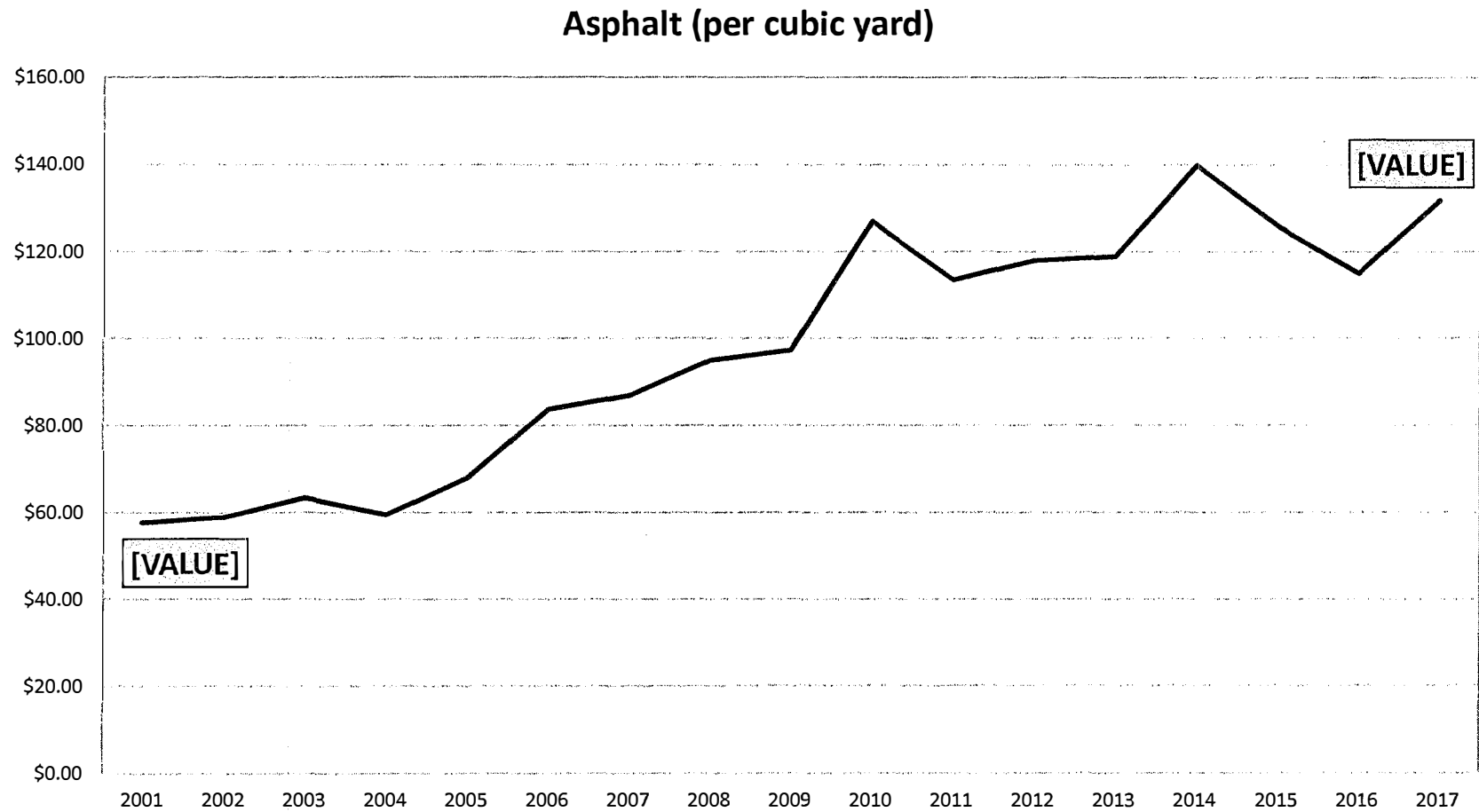


**\$2,372,729**

# Gas Tax & Vehicle Registration Revenues



# Meanwhile, the cost of asphalt has more than doubled



# If approved, how would the \$5 fee benefit Clermont County?

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- An additional \$5 to each county motor vehicle registration would generate approx. \$1 million annually
- All additional revenue would be used to fund the Road & Bridge Improvement Program
- Current Road Resurfacing Program: maintenance of 400 miles
  - At current funding levels, the average paving cycle for each county roadway is 38 yrs
  - Industry standard for paving roadways is approx. every 10-12 yrs
  - Adding \$5 to each motor vehicle registration will allow the county to improve the life cycle of county roads, making them safer for drivers

# Next Steps

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- Work with BCC to provide public notice of date, time and place of two required hearings; advertise and conduct the required public hearings.
- Present a resolution to BCC for approval authorizing county to place an additional \$5 license tax on the registration of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways within counties. (Resolution is subject to referendum under ORC 305.31 to 305.41.)
- Resolution must be in effect and certified to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by June 30, 2018 for fees to be collected for 2019 vehicle registrations.

# Timeline

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By April 4  
Establish  
date/time  
for hearings

April 19  
Second  
hearing notice  
published

May 9  
Second  
hearing  
conducted

April 12  
First hearing  
notice  
published

May 2  
First  
hearing  
conducted

May 16  
Resolution  
submitted  
to BCC for  
approval





**Vehicle Registration Permissive Tax FAQs**  
**For County, Municipality and Township Officials**  
**Revised February 8, 2018**

**What is “vehicle registration permissive tax?”**

“Vehicle registration permissive tax “(hereinafter referred to as “permissive tax”) is an optional tax that can be levied by counties, municipalities, and/or townships on vehicle registrations. It is defined in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 4504: Local Motor Vehicle License Tax. There are nine \$5.00 levies that are available to be enacted, but only five can be in effect at any one time in any single taxing district.

Permissive tax revenue is to be used by the counties and taxing districts per ORC Chapter 4504, which includes planning, constructing, improving, maintaining and repairing public roads, highways, streets, and for the maintaining and repair of bridges and viaducts.

**What is a “taxing district?”**

A taxing district is either a municipality (incorporated village or city) or a township.

**How is a levy enacted?**

Counties, municipalities and townships pass a resolution/ordinance per ORC. Once the resolution/ordinance has been passed, a copy is sent to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Tax Distribution Section by July 1 to be effective the following registration year (ORC section 4504.08).

For a sample resolution/ordinance, or for additional information, please contact the Tax Distribution Section (see below).

**How do we find out if our taxing district has already enacted all levies allowed?**

The 2018 Taxing District Code Book is published on the BMV website at the following site: <http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/Taxing-District-Code-Book.pdf>. This publication lists all the taxing districts within each county and the current permissive tax rates. The current maximum permissive tax for registration year 2018 in any single taxing district is \$20.00 per registration per registration year. If \$20.00 is the listed rate for a taxing district, no new permissive tax levies can be enacted for that taxing district.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning with the 2019 registration year, the maximum permissive tax in any single taxing district will be \$25.00 per registration per registration year. If \$25.00 is the listed rate for a taxing district in the 2019 Taxing District Code Book, no new county, municipality or township permissive tax levies can be enacted for that taxing district.

Please contact the Tax Distribution Section for additional information.

**Enacting Permissive Tax**

Counties have the option of enacting levies under ORC sections 4504.02, 4504.15, 4504.16, and, beginning with the 2019 registration year, 4504.24. Enacting the first three levies is contingent on the respective municipal levies of 4504.06, 4504.17 and 4504.171. For example, if City X in County Y has already enacted 4504.06,

**Municipal Levies**

<b>ORC Section</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Distribution Rules</b>
4504.06	\$ 5.00	<b>100% to the municipality</b> (Municipalities cannot enact this tax if the County is already enacting 4504.02)
4504.17	\$ 5.00	<b>100% to the municipality</b> (Municipalities cannot enact this tax if the County is already enacting 4504.15)
4504.171	\$ 5.00	<b>100% to the municipality</b> (Municipalities cannot enact this tax if the County is already enacting 4504.16)
4504.172	\$ 5.00	<b>100% to the municipality</b> (Municipalities have the authority to enact this tax at any time)

**Township Levy**

<b>ORC Section</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Distribution Rules</b>
4504.18	\$ 5.00	<b>100% to the Township</b> (Townships have the authority to enact this tax at any time)

**How do I contact the Tax Distribution Section?**

The Tax Distribution Section office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; we are closed on state holidays.

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# CLERMONT COUNTY *VEHICLE REGISTRATION* PERMISSIVE TAXES

## Municipalities

1301 Amelia.....\$20	1308 Moscow..... \$15
1302 *Batavia .....\$15	1309 Neville ..... \$15
1303 Bethel.....\$15	1310 New Richmond..... \$15
1304 Chilo.....\$15	1311 Newtonsville..... \$15
1305 Felicity.....\$15	1312 Owensville..... \$15
1306 Loveland .....\$20	1313 Williamsburg ..... \$15
1307 Milford .....\$20	

## Townships

1365 Batavia .....\$15	1372 Pierce ..... \$20
1366 Franklin .....\$20	1373 Stonelick ..... \$20
1367 Goshen .....\$20	1374 Tate ..... \$15
1368 Jackson.....\$20	1375 Union..... \$20
1369 Miami .....\$20	1376 Washington ..... \$15
1370 Monroe.....\$15	1377 Wayne ..... \$20
1371 Ohio .....\$15	1378 Williamsburg ..... \$15

## CLINTON COUNTY

### Municipalities

1401 Blanchester.....\$20	1405 New Vienna..... \$5
1402 Clarksville .....\$10	1406 Port William..... \$5
1403 Martinsville.....\$5	1407 Sabina..... \$5
1404 Midland .....\$10	1408 *Wilmington..... \$20

### Townships

1465 Adams.....\$10	1472 Richland ..... \$5
1466 Chester .....\$10	1473 Union..... \$10
1467 Clark .....\$5	1474 Vernon ..... \$5
1468 Green.....\$5	1475 Washington ..... \$5
1469 Jefferson .....\$10	1476 Wayne ..... \$5
1470 Liberty .....\$10	1477 Wilson ..... \$10
1471 Marion.....\$10	

Dollar amount represents permissive tax fee to be paid.

\*Denotes County Seat

Under continuing law, the Registrar also must adopt rules governing deputy registrars that include contracting requirements, office size and location requirements, hours of operation, procedural requirements, and other requirements determined necessary to provide a high level of service.

### **Nonprofit deputy registrars**

(R.C. 4503.03)

The act requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules permitting a nonprofit corporation operating as a deputy registrar to advertise that a certain amount of the proceeds collected by the deputy registrar go to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause.

### **Pay supplement for clerks of court acting as deputy registrars**

(R.C. 325.33)

The act requires fees credited to a county certificate of title administration fund to be used, in part, to pay an \$8,000 pay supplement to the clerk of courts if the clerk is serving as a full authority deputy registrar, and eliminates a provision that required money in the fund to be used to reimburse the clerk for costs incurred in "performing the duties of a deputy registrar." The act retains a provision that allows the fees credited to the fund also to be used to reimburse the clerk for costs incurred in processing motor vehicle certificates of title.

Under continuing law, a full authority deputy registrar's duties include issuing individual and commercial driver's licenses, state identification cards, vehicle registrations and license plates, and temporary tags; performing vision screenings, serial number inspections, and salvage inspections; and providing drivers' abstracts, notary services, license restorations, duplicate registrations and licenses, voter registration, selective service information collection and recording, and additional administrative duties.

## **Vehicle registration**

### **Additional county motor vehicle registration tax**

(R.C. 4504.24, 4501.031, 4501.041, 4501.05, and 4504.10)

The act authorizes counties to levy and retain an additional \$5 motor vehicle registration tax on motor vehicles registered in the county. In order to levy the tax, a board of county commissioners must hold two public hearings, provide public notice of those hearings in a newspaper of general circulation, and adopt a resolution levying the



tax. If the board adopts the resolution, it must provide written notice to the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and to the board of township trustees of each township in the county. The tax is subject to a referendum.

The additional \$5 tax may only be used for specified purposes, including enforcing and administering the tax, paying costs associated with public roads, bridges, and viaducts, paying costs associated with street and traffic signs, markers, and signals, and paying debt service obligations. These purposes are consistent with the purposes for which the existing additional county motor vehicle registration taxes may be charged.

Under continuing law, municipal corporations, townships, and counties may establish a combination of local motor vehicle registration taxes not exceeding \$20 per taxing district. Those taxes continue in addition to the tax authorized by the act, the base motor vehicle registration tax levied by the state (for example, \$34.50 for standard noncommercial vehicles), and any taxes established by a transportation improvement district (up to \$20) or a county participating in a regional transportation improvement project (up to \$25).

#### **Limit on fees for electronic vehicle registration**

(R.C. 4503.106)

The act prohibits any person other than the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, an agent or employee of the Registrar, or a deputy registrar from charging any fee for submitting an application for motor vehicle registration or registration renewal by electronic means, unless all of the following apply:

(1) The person prominently displays on the website on which the registration service is offered that the service is not provided by a government agency;

(2) The person requires any person who seeks to submit an application for registration or registration renewal to specifically confirm that the person understands that the service is not provided by a government agency; and

(3) The person ensures that the website states that a person may submit the application directly to the Registrar and provides a link to the Registrar's website.

The act specifies that the penalty for a violation of this prohibition is a fine of not more than \$1,000.

This provision of the act generally applies to entities that offer the service of submitting a motor vehicle registration renewal application on behalf of a motor vehicle

