
Chapter 15.45 Motor Vehicle Registration Fee

Sections:

15.45.010 Authority.

This section is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in Wis. Stat. § 341.35, as amended from time to time.

15.45.020 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide the City of Ripon a source of revenue, in addition to other revenue sources, to be used to assist with transportation-related purposes and to fund repair, reconstruction, and resurfacing of roads in lieu of special assessments.

15.45.030 Definition.

For purposes of this section, a “motor vehicle” means an automobile or motor truck registered under Wis. Stat. § 341.25(1)(c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds that is registered in Wisconsin and customarily kept in the City of Ripon.

15.45.040 Annual Registration Fee.

An annual flat City registration fee in the amount of \$25.00 is hereby imposed on all motor vehicles registered in the State of Wisconsin and customarily kept in the City of Ripon. At the time a motor vehicle is first registered and at the time of each registration renewal, the registration applicant shall pay a City vehicle registration fee of \$25.00 in addition to any fees set by the state and required by Wis. Stat. Ch. 341. The City registration fee shall be paid as provided in Wis. Stat. § 341.35(5), as amended from time to time. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation shall collect the City registration fee.

15.45.050 Administrative Costs.

WisDOT shall retain a portion of the monies collected equal to the actual administrative costs related to the collection of these fees. The method for computing the administrative costs will be reviewed annually by WisDOT, as provided in Wis. Stats. § 341.35.

15.45.060 Exemptions.

The following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual vehicle registration fee:

- A. All vehicles exempted by Wis. Stat. Ch. 341 from payment of a state vehicle registration fee.
- B. All vehicles registered by the state for a fee of \$5.00 under Wis. Stat. § 341.26(2).
- C. Any vehicle which is replacing a vehicle for which the annual City vehicle registration fee has already been paid.

15.45.070 Segregated Fund for Revenues, Administration.

A. All revenue collected from the motor vehicle registration fee shall be placed in a segregated fund strictly for the purposes of repair, reconstruction, resurfacing, and maintenance of roads, as well as associated project costs.

B. The Common Council shall be responsible for reviewing and allocating funds collected under this ordinance to transportation-related projects that align with the intended purposes of the motor vehicle registration fee. These purposes include, but are not limited to, the repair, reconstruction, resurfacing, and maintenance of roads, as well as associated project costs. The allocation of funds shall occur as part of the city's annual budget process, ensuring alignment with the city's long-term infrastructure plans and priorities.

C. The City Administrator shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter and funds at the direction of the Common Council.

D. The City Administrator shall provide an annual report to the Common Council detailing the use of funds and the status of ongoing or completed road projects.