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September Fee Increases

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The June edition of the *Dealer Connection* provided you with a general list of upcoming changes to motor vehicle, mobile home and vessel procedures and fees. This edition provides you with a list of new fees for the most common DMV transactions.

Perhaps the most important item to note is that your work must be received in our offices or drop boxes by 5 PM on August 31 in order for us to process it with the old fees. **All work received on September 1 will be processed with the new fees.**

This cut off date is in keeping with the intent of the law. At a meeting between the Florida Tax Collectors and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, DMV Director Carl Ford shared the Department's ruling on the implementation of the fee increase:

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Q: Which rate will be applied to dealer transactions on vehicles sold in August but not processed until September?

A: The determining factor on whether to charge current fees or the new fees for dealer transactions is based on when the application is received by a HSMV authorized agency or entered in the vehicle data base for EFS transactions. If the date is on or after September 1st, the new fees will apply. If it is prior to September 1st, the current fees will apply. ☺

DMV Dealer Update

Gary W. Konopka, Region VI Administrator

There have been several changes as a result of this year's legislative session. One easily overlooked new fee involves a rebuildable vehicle undergoing inspection at the DMV Regional office. The initial inspection fee is still \$40; however, a \$20 re-inspection fee will be charged if the vehicle fails the inspection. The initial inspection fee will be collected at the time the documents are submitted for initial review.

Rebuildable vehicles and vehicles that are assembled from parts must be inspected by DMV personnel. The purpose of this inspection is to assure the vehicle's identity and verification of the bill of sale or title for major component parts used. We do NOT conduct a safety inspection or a road worthiness inspection.

The Bureau of Field Operations has lost some positions due to budgetary constraints and as a consequence, our curbstoning enforcement efforts will be reduced. We are no longer allowed to have personnel deliberately just focusing on curbstoning violations. While we are en route from Point A to point B and we

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TITLE FEES

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MOTOR VEHICLE & MOBILE HOME

Florida Title	75.75
Duplicate Title	75.75
Duplicate Title with Lien	77.75
Florida Title - Lease	54.75
New Vehicle (MCO)	77.75
New - Leased	46.00
Out-of-State - Used	85.75
Out-of-State - Leased	64.75
Off-Highway Vehicles	43.50
Fast Title Fee (in addition to other fees)	10.00
Recording a Lien (with Title Application)	2.00
Title Late Penalty (if not transferred within 30 days of Sale)	20.00

Lien Only Transactions

Lien Add	74.75
Subsequent Lien	74.75
Lien Reassignment	75.75

VESSEL

Florida Vessel Title	5.75
Duplicate Vessel Title	6.50
Duplicate Vessel Title with Lien	7.50
Duplicate Vessel title with Transfer	11.75
New Vessel (MCO)	5.75
Out-of-State Vessel - Used	9.75
Fast Title Fee (in addition to other fees)	5.00
Recording a Lien (with Title Application)	1.00
Title Late Penalty (if not transferred within 30 days of Sale)	10.00

Lien Only Transactions

Lien Add	10.00
	6.75

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Reminder - Vehicle Information System No Longer Available as of September 1

The Tax Collector's Office recently mailed out notification that as of September 1, 2009, our office will discontinue providing access to motor vehicle, vessel and mobile home title and registration information through VIS (Vehicle Information System). The notification also informed all VIS users that due to the Federal Driver Privacy Protection Act, we cannot accept telephone calls or over-the-counter inquiries requesting driver or vehicle information.

There are still several ways you can access this information:

- Complete Information via Internet - includes protected information such as name and address, through private companies that provide these services. Vendors may be found on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) website at www.flhsmv.gov/data/newrecord.html.
- Limited Information via Internet – excluding name and address, on motor vehicle, vessel and mobile home identification numbers, as well as driver license status, through a free internet site maintained by DHSMV at www.flhsmv.gov
- Complete Information from DHSMV – Submit form HSMV 85054 and remit fees as listed on the back of the form.

In an effort to help minimize the impact on you and your business, Auto Data Direct has agreed to waive their initial activation fee for Pinellas County users who sign up with them in the first 90 days starting September 1. Visit their website at www.add123.com for information on their services. If you choose to activate an account with Auto Data Direct, enter the promotional code PINELLAS09 to waive the \$100 activation fee. ☺

Training Update

Chris Ellis, Training Manager

Please find a hyperlink below to the latest changes published on the Tax Collector's website for the Dealer Forms Seminars Schedule for the rest of the 2009 calendar year. It has been updated to reflect **Cathy Bailey-Noble's** contact information rather than Toni Wolff's. When you register for classes, please contact Cathy at 727-464-5549.

<http://www.taxcollect.com/Content.aspx?ContentID=420>



ELT Reminder

In almost all cases, ELT participants are required to apply for electronic titles and are advised to provide their DMV account number on all applications for lien to avoid any confusion. Please make sure you check the box next to "Check if ELT Customer" and if you are an EFS dealer, don't forget to mark the title as ELT when you process the application. ☺

Upcoming Calendar of Events

September 7	Closed for Labor Day
September 8	Towing & Storage Lien Seminar
October 6	Motor Vehicle Dealer Forms Seminar
October 7	Vessel Dealer Forms Seminar
October 8	Mobile Home Dealer Forms Seminar
November 11	Closed for Veterans Day
November 26 -27	Closed for Thanksgiving
December 1	Motor Vehicle Dealer Forms Seminar
December 3	Mobile Home Dealer Forms Seminar



The **Horse Country** license plate is now available for sale. This plate supports the activities of the Panama City Marine Institute, which rehabilitates troubled and delinquent youth, and is part of the Associated Marine Industries group of nonprofits. Special consideration will be given to programs using horses and other livestock. ☺

DMV Updates

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June's *Dealer Connection* touched on the new Repossession Recovery Attempt stop that became law July 1. DMV Procedure RS-50, *Withholding Registration* . . . now includes instructions on how to withhold the registration of a motor vehicle when a lienholder notifies the Department of the owner or co-owner's failure to surrender a motor vehicle under a repossession order. Programming is expected to be in place in September, but in the meantime, lienholders should complete form HSMV 86066 and submit it directly to DMV at the address listed on the form. Your local tax collector's office has these forms in stock.

For those of you who are involved with towing and storage liens, you'll be pleased to learn that return receipt notices are no longer required. Refer to Procedure TL-26, *Transfer of Certificate of Title upon Sale for Towing and Storage Lien or Application for Certificate of Destruction by Towing or Transport Company* for complete updates.

TL-44 has been updated to include a definition for recreational off highway vehicles (ROVs), which are any motorized recreational off-highway vehicle 60 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 1,500 pounds or less, designed to travel on four or more non highway tires, having non-straddle seating and a steering wheel, and manufactured for recreational use by one or more persons.. ROVs are issued a title and title decal like any other off-highway vehicles.

TL-10 has been updated with a new definition for motorcycles. You'll also notice that any references to "motor scooters" have been deleted and all procedures refer to motorcycles only. As always, you can find these procedures and other updates online at <http://www3.hsmv.state.fl.us/Intranet/dmv/Manuals/DMVProcedures/Pmanintro.html>.

Finally, you may have already noticed that some registration fees are off by a dollar. This is due to what's known as the Collier Settlement. DHSMV settled a lawsuit involving alleged violations of the Driver Privacy Protection Act (DPPA). The Settlement Agreement includes a number of requirements, including crediting certain customers with \$1.00 on their motor vehicle registration during the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. To be eligible for the

credit, the customers must have held a driver license, motor vehicle registration, or identification card issued by DHSMV at any time from June 1, 2000 to September 30, 2004. More information on the Agreement and DPPA is available at www.flhsmv.gov/html/Collier.htm. 🚗

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encounter a curbside violation, we can take enforcement action.

Mini trucks have now been categorized as motor vehicles. F.S. 320.01 (45) has been added and it defines a mini truck as: ". . .any four-wheeled, reduced dimension truck that does not have a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Truck Classification, with a top speed of 55 MPH, and which is equipped with headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, tail lamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, and seat belts." A mini truck can only be operated on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less. A mini truck must be registered and insured and its operator must have a valid driver license. An entity that desires to sell new mini trucks to the public must obtain a Florida Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer License.

Effective October 1, 2009, when an independent dealer sells a vehicle, the dealer will have to issue an electronic Temporary License Plate to the buyer, even when there is a regular license plate to transfer. This legislative action will ensure vehicle/plate information is promptly entered into the state vehicle database. Once the regular license plate transfer is processed, the temporary tag registration will be cancelled. This provision will expire on June 30, 2010 because effective July 1, 2010, all license plate transfers will have to be electronically reported to DMV HQs. 🚗



Registration Fees

Effective 09/01/09

MOTOR VEHICLE & MOBILE HOME

Issuing New Plate Add \$28.00

VEHICLE TYPE	POUNDS/FEET	ANNUAL FEE	BIENNIAL FEE
Antique Auto		\$37.40	\$74.80
Automobiles in pounds	1 thru 2499	\$46.65	\$93.30
	2500-3499	\$57.65	\$115.30
	3500-up	\$71.15	\$142.30
Antique Truck		\$37.40	\$74.80
Trucks	1 thru 1999	\$46.65	\$93.30
	2000-3000	\$57.65	\$115.30
	3001-5000	\$71.15	\$142.30
Antique Motorcycle		\$41.65	\$83.30
Motorcycle		\$41.65	\$83.30
Moped		\$34.90	\$69.80
Ambulance		\$67.65	
Dealer and Manuf plates	Includes sales tax	\$69.65	
EXEMPT reg (Dis.Vet,etc)		\$10.00	
Forest Truck/Tractor 150 mile radius	Less than 10k	\$349.65	
Forest Truck/Tractor 150 mile radius	10,000-80,000	\$359.65	
Goat Truck		\$35.90	\$71.80
Government/Permanent		\$23.85	
Hearse		\$67.65	
Heavy Truck by GVW	5001-5999	\$86.40	\$172.80
	6,000-7,999	\$113.40	\$226.80
	8,000-9,999	\$128.65	\$257.30
	10,000-14,999	\$153.65	
	15,000-19,999	\$212.65	
	20,000-26,000	\$286.65	
	26001-34,999	\$359.65	
	35,000-43,999	\$440.65	
	44,000-54,999	\$808.65	
	55,000-61,999	\$951.65	
	62,000-71,999	\$1,115.65	
	72,000 or more	\$1,357.65	
Duplicate Registration		\$5.50	
Initial reg fee		\$225.00	
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	thru 35 ft	\$31.85	\$63.70
	36-40	\$36.85	\$73.70
	41-45	\$41.85	\$83.70
	46-50	\$46.85	\$93.70
	51-55	\$51.85	\$103.70
	56-60	\$56.85	\$113.70
	61-65	\$61.85	\$123.70
	66 and up	\$91.85	\$183.70
Motor Home under 4,500		\$52.65	\$105.30
Motor Home over 4,500		\$72.90	\$145.80
Personalized License Plate		\$15.00	
Personalized Plate Processing fee		\$5.00	
Recreational Vehicles 5th wheel		\$52.65	\$105.30
Recreational vehicles camp trailer		\$39.15	\$78.30
Registration Transfer		\$7.85	
Replace license plate		\$43.15	
Replace decal		\$40.35	
Sample Plates		\$28.00	

Registration Fees continued

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School Buses		\$66.65	
Semitrailer		\$39.15	
Semitrailer -Permanent plate		\$87.85	
Special Purpose vehicles/Tools		\$69.65	
Specialty Plate Processing fee		\$5.00	
Transporter		\$126.90	
Truck/Tractor AG 150 mile	Less than 10k	\$113.40	
Truck/Tractor AG 150 mile	10,000-43999	\$123.40	
Truck/Tractor AG 150 mile	44,000-80,000	\$359.65	
Wrecker		\$66.65	
Wreckers with GVW	5001-5999	\$86.40	\$172.80
	6,000-7,999	\$113.40	\$226.80
	8,000-9,999	\$128.65	\$257.30
	10,000-14999	\$153.65	
	15,000-19,000	\$212.65	
	20,000-26,000	\$286.65	
	26001-34,999	\$359.65	
	35,000-43,999	\$440.65	
	44,000-54,999	\$807.65	
	55,000-61,999	\$950.65	
	62,000-71,999	\$1,115.65	
	72,000 or more	\$1,357.65	

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Vessel Registration Fees

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LENGTH	1-11	12-15	16-25	26-39	40-64	65-109	110-999	
→	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	
MONTHS	1	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$17.03	\$23.22	\$26.35	\$30.97
	2	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$14.44	\$26.81	\$39.19	\$45.44	\$54.69
	3	\$12.50	\$13.34	\$18.04	\$36.59	\$55.16	\$64.54	\$78.41
	4	\$12.50	\$15.38	\$21.62	\$46.37	\$71.12	\$83.63	\$102.13
	5	\$12.50	\$17.41	\$25.22	\$56.15	\$84.10	\$102.73	\$125.84
	6	\$12.50	\$19.45	\$28.82	\$65.95	\$103.07	\$121.82	\$149.57
	7	\$12.50	\$21.47	\$32.41	\$75.73	\$119.03	\$140.91	\$173.29
	8	\$12.75	\$23.50	\$36.01	\$85.51	\$135.01	\$160.00	\$197.00
	9	\$13.44	\$25.54	\$39.60	\$95.29	\$150.97	\$178.10	\$220.72
	10	\$14.12	\$27.57	\$43.19	\$105.07	\$166.94	\$198.19	\$244.45
	11	\$14.81	\$29.60	\$46.78	\$114.82	\$182.91	\$217.29	\$268.16
	12	\$15.50	\$31.63	\$50.38	\$124.63	\$198.88	\$236.38	\$291.88
	13	\$16.19	\$33.66	\$53.98	\$134.41	\$214.85	\$255.48	\$315.60
	14	\$16.88	\$35.70	\$57.57	\$144.19	\$230.82	\$274.57	\$339.32
	15	\$17.57	\$37.72	\$61.17	\$153.97	\$246.79	\$293.67	\$363.04
	16	\$26.00	\$45.01	\$70.00	\$169.00	\$268.00	\$318.01	\$392.01
	17	\$26.00	\$47.04	\$73.60	\$178.78	\$283.98	\$337.11	\$415.75
	18	\$26.00	\$49.08	\$77.20	\$188.58	\$299.95	\$356.20	\$439.45
	19	\$26.00	\$51.10	\$80.79	\$198.36	\$315.91	\$375.29	\$463.17
	20	\$26.25	\$53.13	\$84.39	\$208.14	\$331.89	\$394.38	\$486.88
	21	\$26.94	\$55.17	\$87.98	\$217.92	\$347.85	\$413.48	\$510.60
	22	\$27.62	\$57.20	\$91.57	\$227.70	\$363.82	\$432.57	\$534.33
	23	\$28.31	\$59.23	\$95.16	\$237.48	\$379.79	\$451.67	\$558.04
	24	\$29.00	\$61.26	\$98.76	\$247.26	\$395.76	\$470.76	\$581.76
	25	\$29.69	\$63.29	\$102.36	\$257.04	\$411.73	\$489.86	\$605.48
	26	\$30.38	\$65.33	\$105.95	\$266.82	\$427.70	\$508.95	\$629.20
	27	\$31.07	\$67.35	\$109.55	\$276.60	\$443.67	\$528.05	\$652.92

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