

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDINANCE NO. 1277

Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 11, Sections 11.250 to 11.256 - Relating to Vehicle Registration Fee.

(Language stricken is deleted; underlined is new.)

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature adopted Oregon Laws Chapter 865 (2009), codified in ORS 801, authorizing counties with a population of 350,000 or more to enact an ordinance establishing vehicle registration fees.
- b. On October 22, 2009, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 1148 establishing a vehicle registration fee to provide a dedicated revenue source for the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge in Multnomah County.
- c. Subsequently, the Board adopted Ordinance Nos. 1151 and 1184 amending the vehicle registration fee established in Ordinance No. 1148 to conform to state law and to allow vehicle registration fee proceeds to pay for bond debt service and costs as well as the cost of the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge.
- d. In 2017, the Oregon State Legislature adopted Oregon Laws Chapter 750, increasing the amount counties could charge for vehicle registration fees.
- e. In 2018, the Oregon State Legislature adopted Oregon Laws Chapter 24, allowing counties with populations of 650,000 or more to use county vehicle registration fee funds without distributing portion of fees to cities; and Chapter 93, clarifying county vehicle registration fee authority.
- f. On July 12, 2018, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 1259 to conform to Oregon Laws Chapter 24 (2018).
- g. In 2019, the Oregon State Legislature adopted HB 2112 adding “performing capital maintenance” to the list of permitted uses of moneys generated from county vehicle registration fees.
- h. County taxes and other revenues continue to be insufficient to provide funding for maintenance and replacement of the bridges the County is obligated to maintain, and in particular have not been sufficient for maintaining and/or replacing the bridges over the Willamette River within the City of Portland.

i. The County now wishes to amend MCC §§ 11.250-11.256, and it is necessary to do so, to increase the County vehicle registration fee and conform to state law.

Multnomah County Ordains as Follows:

Section 1. MCC § 11.250 is amended as follows:

§ 11.250 - AUTHORITY.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Oregon Law Chapter 803 (2009), Oregon Laws Chapter 750 (2017), and ~~House Bill 4064 (2018)~~ Oregon Laws Chapter 24 (2018), and House Bill 2112 (2019).

Section 2. MCC § 11.251 is amended as follows:

§ 11.251 – PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide funds for the performing capital maintenance on, planning, designing, replacing, acquiring necessary property for, engineering, constructing or repairing a bridge that crosses the Willamette River in the City of Portland or the approaches to the bridge.

Section 3. MCC § 11.254 is amended as follows:

§ 11.254 – AMOUNT OF THE FEE.

With the exception of a trailer, issued permanent registration as described in ORS 803.415(1)(c), at the time a vehicle is first registered or at the time of registration renewal, the applicant shall pay a county vehicle registration fee of ~~\$19.00~~ 56.00 for each year of the registration period, unless otherwise specified in law. At the time a trailer issued permanent registration is first issued, the applicant shall pay a county vehicle registration fee of \$10.00. This fee is in addition to other fees required to be paid to ~~that~~ the State of Oregon under ORS 803.420 and ORS 803.422. The fee shall be collected by the Oregon Department of Transportation on behalf of Multnomah County.

Section 4. MCC § 11.256 is amended as follows:

§ 11.256 – USE OF PROCEEDS.

The net proceeds of the fees collected under this subchapter shall be used exclusively to pay the cost of performing capital maintenance on, planning, designing, replacing, acquiring necessary property for, engineering, constructing or repairing a bridge that crosses the Willamette River in the City of Portland or the approaches to the bridge, and for payment of debt service and costs related to bonds or other obligations for such purpose.

Section 5. The Board Clerk is directed to file a copy of this Ordinance with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Section 6. All Sections of this Ordinance, except Section 3, shall take effect on the 30th day after it is signed by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners; amendments in Section 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

FIRST READING: November 14, 2019

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: December 5, 2019



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