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**MISCELLANEOUS FEE PROVISIONS****§ 11.001 POLICY AND PURPOSE OF FEES.**

Because of the increasing costs to the county of providing services to the public and of discharging the legal responsibilities of the county, and because of the decreased availability of general county revenue to defray costs, the Board declares it to be in the interests of the people of the county for the fees established in this code of ordinances to be imposed and collected by the county from the persons directly served or affected by the provision of such services and the performance of such responsibilities.

(' 90 Code, § 5.10.005, 07/01/1998; Ord. 105, passed, 07/10/1975)

**§ 11.002 FEES FOR PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS.**

The director of each department of the county shall establish a schedule of fees, which shall be conspicuously posted at appropriate locations, for publications and copies of records provided by the department. The fees for copies of records shall, where appropriate, differentiate between and specify fees for copies according to the method and format of reproduction. The fees authorized by this section shall be based upon actual cost as determined by the directors.

(' 90 Code, § 5.10.060, 07/01/1998; Ord. 157, passed, 12/29/1977)

**§ 11.003 FEES FOR TAPES AND DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD'S OFFICE.**

The fees for the code and duplication of the records of the Board shall be set by the office of the Board clerk to cover the actual cost of printing and distribution.

(' 90 Code, § 5.10.080, 07/01/1998; Ord. 706, passed, 12/05/1991; Ord. 459, passed, 02/28/1985; Ord. 390, passed, 09/01/1983)

***PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX SALES*****§ 11.100- SALE FOR AMOUNT DUE.**

The personal property tax collector or any deputy or agent shall first attempt at public auction to sell seized personal property for the taxes, interest and penalties due.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.20.005, 07/01/1998; Ord. 734, passed, 10/01/1992)

**§ 11.101 INSUFFICIENT BID.**

(A) If no bidder at the sale offers to pay the amount due, the personal property tax collector may then attempt to sell the property at the same auction.

(B) The personal property tax collector shall sell the property at the auction if, based on the information available at the time, it is determined that:

(1) The county may incur significant costs to keep the property until a later sale;

(2) The county may not get the best possible price at a later sale.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.20.010, 07/01/1998; Ord. 734, passed, 10/01/1992)

**MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX****§ 11.200- DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context requires a different meaning.

**AIRCRAFT FUEL.** Any gasoline and any other flammable or combustible gas or liquid, by whatever name that gasoline, gas or liquid is known or sold, usable as fuel for the operation of aircraft, except gas or liquid, the chief use of which, as determined by the Division, is for purposes other than the propulsion of aircraft.

**DEALER.** Any person who:

(1) Imports or causes to be imported motor vehicle fuel for sale, use or distribution in, and after the same reaches the county. **DEALER** does not include any person who imports into the county motor vehicle fuel in quantities of 500 gallons or less purchased from a supplier who is licensed as a dealer under this subchapter and who assumes liability for the payment of the applicable license fee to the county; or

(2) Produces, refines, manufactures or compounds motor vehicle fuels in the county for use, distribution or sale in the county; or

(3) Acquires in the county for sale, use or distribution in the county motor vehicle fuels with respect to which there has been no license fee previously incurred.

**DISTRIBUTION.** In addition to its ordinary meaning, also includes the delivery of motor vehicle fuel by a dealer or subdealer to any service station or into any tank, storage facility or series of tanks or storage facilities connected by pipelines, from which motor vehicle fuel is withdrawn directly for sale or for delivery into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles whether or not the service station, tank or storage facility is owned, operated or controlled by the dealer or subdealer.

**DIVISION.** The Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Transportation.

**HIGHWAY.** Every way, thoroughfare and place of whatever nature, open for use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel.

**MOTOR VEHICLE.** All vehicles, engines or machines, movable or immovable, operated or propelled by the use of motor vehicle fuel.

**MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL.** Includes gasoline and any other flammable or combustible gas or liquid, by whatever name that gasoline, gas or liquid is known or sold, usable as fuel for the operation of motor vehicles, except gas or liquid, the chief use of which, as determined by the Division, is for purposes other than the propulsion of motor vehicles upon the highways of the state. The term shall not include diesel fuel.

**SERVICE STATION.** Includes any place operated for the purpose of retailing and delivering motor vehicle fuel into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.

**SUBDEALER.** Includes every person other than a dealer engaging in the business of handling motor vehicle fuel for sale and distribution both within and without the county.

(\* 90 Code, § 5.30.010, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.201 FEE IMPOSED;  
ADMINISTRATION BY  
DIVISION.**

A business license fee is imposed on every dealer or subdealer. The fee imposed shall be paid monthly to the Division, as agent for the county. The Division is designated the agent of the county for the purposes of administering the business license fee imposed by this subchapter and is authorized to exercise all supervisory and administrative powers with regard to the enforcement, collection and administration of the fee as it is authorized under ORS 319.010 to 319.430 with regard to the business license tax imposed by these provisions.

(\* 90 Code, § 5.30.020, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.202 MONTHLY STATEMENT BY DEALER; AMOUNT OF FEE.**

(A) Subject to subsections (B) and (C), below, in addition to any fees or taxes otherwise provided for by law, every dealer and subdealer engaging in his own name, or in the name of others, or in the name of his representatives or agents in the county, in the sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel or withdrawal of motor vehicle fuel for sale, use or distribution within areas in the county within which the county has the power to tax the sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel, shall:

(1) No later than the 25th day of each calendar month, render a statement to the Division of all motor vehicle fuel sold, used, distributed or so withdrawn by him in the county as well as all such fuel sold, used or distributed in the county by a purchaser thereof upon which sale, use or distribution the dealer is liable for the applicable license fee during the preceding calendar month.

(2) Pay a license fee computed as of October 1, 1981, on the basis of \$0.03 per gallon of such motor vehicle fuel, upon which no license fee has previously been paid or is otherwise due under this subchapter, so sold, used, distributed or withdrawn as shown by such statement in the manner and within the time provided in this subchapter.

(B) In lieu of claiming refund of the fee paid as to motor vehicle fuel consumed by the dealer or subdealer in nonhighway uses as provided in §§ 11.219, 11.220, and 11.223, or of any prior erroneous payment of license fee made to the county by the dealer or subdealer, the dealer or subdealer may show such motor vehicle fuel as a credit or deduction on the monthly statement and payment of fee.

(C) The license fee shall not be imposed whenever it is prohibited by the constitution or laws of the United States or the state.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; '90 Code, § 5.30.030, 07/01/1998; Ord. 273, passed, 05/14/1981; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.203 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

No dealer shall sell, use or distribute any motor vehicle fuel until he has secured a dealer's license as required by this subchapter. No subdealer shall sell, use or distribute any motor vehicle fuel until he has secured a subdealer's license as required by this subchapter.

('90 Code, § 5.30.040, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.204 APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.**

(A) Every person, before becoming a dealer or subdealer in motor vehicle fuel in the county, shall make an application to the Division for a license authorizing such person to engage in business as a dealer or subdealer.

(B) Applications for the license must be made on forms prescribed, prepared and furnished by the Division.

(C) The applications shall be accompanied by a duly acknowledged certificate containing the following:

(1) The business name under which the dealer or subdealer is transacting business within the county;

(2) The place of business and location of distributing stations in the county; and

(3) The name and address of the managing agent, the names and addresses of the several persons constituting the firm or partnership and, if a corporation, the corporate name under which it is authorized to transact business and the names and addresses of its principal officers and registered agent.

(D) The application for a motor vehicle fuel dealer's or subdealer's license having been accepted for filing, the Division shall issue to the dealer or subdealer a license in such form as the Division may prescribe to transact business in the county. The license so issued is not assignable, and is valid only for the dealer or subdealer in whose name issued.

(E) The Division shall keep and file all applications with an alphabetical index thereof, together with a record of all licensed dealers and subdealers. (' 90 Code, § 5.30.050, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.205 FAILURE TO SECURE LICENSE; DELINQUENCY PENALTY.**

(A) If any dealer or subdealer sells, distributes or uses any motor vehicle fuel without first filing the certificate and securing the license required by § 11.204, the license fee shall immediately be due and payable on account of all motor vehicle fuel so sold, distributed or used.

(B) The Division shall proceed forthwith to determine, from the best available sources, the amount of such fee, and it shall assess the fee in the amount found due, together with a penalty of 100% of the fee, and shall make its certificate of such assessment and penalty. In any suit or proceeding to collect such fee or penalty or both, the certificate is prima facie evidence that the dealer or subdealer therein named is indebted to the county in the amount of the fee and penalty therein stated.

(C) Any fee or penalty so assessed may be collected in the manner prescribed in § 11.209 with reference to delinquency in payment of the fee or by an action at law, which the Division, through the Attorney General, shall commence and prosecute to final determination at the request of the Division. (' 90 Code, § 5.30.060, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.206 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.**

The Division shall revoke the license of any dealer or subdealer refusing or neglecting to comply with any provision of this subchapter. The Division shall mail by registered mail addressed to such dealer or subdealer at his last known address appearing on the files of the Division, a notice of intention to cancel. The notice shall give the reason for the cancellation. The cancellation shall become effective without further notice if within ten days from

the mailing of the notice the dealer or subdealer has not made good its default or delinquency. (' 90 Code, § 5.30.070, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.207 CANCELLATION OF LICENSE.**

(A) The Division may, upon written request of a dealer or subdealer, cancel any license issued to such dealer or subdealer, the cancellation to become effective 30 days from the date of receipt of the written request.

(B) If the Division ascertains and finds that the person to whom a license has been issued is no longer engaged in the business of a dealer or subdealer, the Division may cancel the license of such dealer or subdealer upon investigation after 30 days' notice has been mailed to the last-known address of the dealer or subdealer. (' 90 Code, § 5.30.080, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.208 REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.**

Except as otherwise provided in §§ 11.209 and 11.211, the remedies provided in §§ 11.205 to 11.207 are cumulative. No action taken pursuant to those sections shall relieve any persons from the penalty provisions of this subchapter. (' 90 Code, § 5.30.090, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.209 PAYMENT OF FEE AND DELINQUENT PENALTY.**

(A) The license fee imposed by §§ 11.201 and 11.202 shall be paid on or before the 25th day of each month to the division which, upon request, shall provide a receipt to the dealer or subdealer therefor.

(B) Except as provided in subsection (D), to any license fee not paid as required by subsection (A) there shall be added a penalty of 1% of such license fee.

(C) Except as provided in subsection (D), below, if the fee and penalty required by subsection (B) are not received on or before the close of business on the last day of the month in which the payment is due, a further penalty of 10% shall be paid

in addition to the penalty provided for in subsection (B).

(D) If the Division determines that the delinquency was due to reasonable cause and without any intent to avoid payment, the penalties provided by subsections (B) and (C) shall be waived. Penalties imposed by this section shall not apply when the penalty provided in § 11.205 has been assessed.

(E) If any person fails to pay the license fee or any penalty provided for by this subchapter, the amounts thereof shall be collected from such person for the use of the county. The Division, through the Attorney General, shall commence and prosecute to final determination in any court of competent jurisdiction an action at law to collect the same.

(F) No dealer who collects from any person the fee provided for in this subchapter shall knowingly and willfully fail to report and pay the same to the Division as required by this subchapter.  
(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; ‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.100, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.210 MONTHLY STATEMENTS REQUIRED.**

Every dealer or subdealer in motor vehicle fuel shall render to the Division, on or before the 25th day of each month, on forms prescribed, prepared and furnished by the Division, a signed statement of the number of gallons of motor vehicle fuel sold, distributed or used by him during the preceding calendar month. The statement shall be signed by one of the principal officers, or by an authorized agent in the case of a corporation; or by the managing agent or owner in case of a firm or association. All statements filed with the Division, as required in this section, are public records.  
(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.110, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.211 FAILURE TO FILE MONTHLY STATEMENT.**

If any dealer or subdealer, except one subject to § 11.205, fails to file the report required by § 11.210, the Division shall proceed forthwith to determine from the best available source the amount of motor vehicle fuel sold, distributed or used by such dealer or subdealer for the period unreported, and  
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such determination shall be prima facie evidence of the amount of such fuel sold, distributed or used. The Division immediately shall assess the license fee in the amount so determined, adding thereto a penalty of 10% for failure to report. The penalty shall be cumulative to other penalties provided in this subchapter. In any suit brought to enforce the rights of the county under this section, the certificate of the Division showing the amount of fees, penalties and costs unpaid by any dealer or subdealer and that the same are due and unpaid to the county is prima facie evidence of the facts as shown.  
(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.120, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.212 BILLING PURCHASERS.**

Bills shall be rendered to all purchasers of motor vehicle fuel by dealers or subdealers in motor vehicle fuel. The bills shall separately state and describe to the satisfaction of the Division the different products shipped thereunder and shall be serially numbered except where other sales invoice controls acceptable to the Division are maintained. The bills required hereunder may be the same as or incorporated in those required under ORS 319.210.  
(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.130, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.213 RECEIPT, PAYMENT OR SALE WITHOUT INVOICE OR DELIVERY TAG PROHIBITED.**

No person shall receive and accept any shipment of motor vehicle fuel from any dealer or subdealer, or pay for the same, or sell or offer the shipment for sale, unless the shipment is accompanied by an invoice or delivery tag showing the date upon which shipment was delivered and the name of the dealer or subdealer in motor vehicle fuel.  
(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.140, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.214 TRANSPORTING MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL IN BULK.**

Every person operating any conveyance for the purpose of hauling, transporting or delivering motor vehicle fuel in bulk shall, before entering upon the public highways of the county with such conveyance, have and possess during the entire time of his hauling or transporting such motor vehicle fuel an



invoice, bill of sale or other written statement showing the number of gallons, the true name and address of the seller or consignor, and the true name and address of the buyer or consignee, if any, of the same. The person hauling such motor vehicle fuel shall at the request of any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, state police or other officer authorized by law to inquire into or investigate such matters, produce and offer for inspection the invoice, bill of sale or other statement.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.30.150, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

### **§ 11.215 EXPORT FUEL EXEMPTED.**

(A) The license fee imposed by §§ 11.201 and 11.202 shall not be imposed on motor vehicle fuel:

(1) Exported from the county by a dealer or subdealer; or

(2) Sold by a dealer or subdealer in individual quantities of 500 gallons or less for export by the purchaser to an area or areas outside the county in containers other than the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, but every dealer or subdealer shall be required to report such exports and sales to the division in such detail as may be required.

(B) In support of any exemption from license fees claimed under this section other than in the case of stock transfers or deliveries in his own equipment, every dealer or subdealer must execute and file with the Division an export certificate in such form as shall be prescribed, prepared and furnished by the Division, containing a statement, made by some person having actual knowledge of the fact of such exportation, that the motor vehicle fuel has been exported from the county, and giving such details with reference to such shipment as the Division may require. The Division may demand of any dealer or subdealer such additional data as is deemed necessary in support of any such certificate, and failure to supply such data will constitute a waiver of all right to exemption claimed by virtue of such certificate. The Division may, in a case where it believes no useful purpose would be served by filing of an export certificate, waive the certificate.

(C) Any motor vehicle fuel carried from the county in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle shall not

be considered as exported from the county, except that a refund of the fee may be paid on such fuel as provided in § 11.219.

(D) No person shall, through false statement, trick or device, or otherwise, obtain motor vehicle fuel for export as to which the county fee has not been paid and fail to export the same, or any portion thereof, or cause the motor vehicle fuel or any portion thereof not to be exported, or divert or cause to be diverted the motor vehicle fuel or any portion thereof to be used, distributed or sold in the county and fail to notify the Division and the dealer or subdealer from whom the motor vehicle fuel was originally purchased of his act.

(E) No dealer, subdealer or other person shall conspire with any person to withhold from export, or divert from export or to return motor vehicle fuel to the county for sale or use so as to avoid any of the fees imposed by this subchapter.

(F) In support of any exemption from fees on account of sales of motor vehicle fuel in individual quantities of 500 gallons or less for export by the purchaser, the dealer shall retain in his files for at least three years an export certificate executed by the purchaser in such form and containing such information as is prescribed by the Division. This certificate shall be prima facie evidence of the exportation of the motor vehicle fuel to which it applies only if accepted by the dealer in good faith.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.30.160, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

### **§ 11.216 SALES TO ARMED FORCES EXEMPTED.**

The license fee imposed by §§ 11.201 and 11.202 shall not be imposed on any motor vehicle fuel sold to the armed forces of the United States for use in ships, aircraft or for export from the county; but every dealer or subdealer shall be required to report such sales to the Division in such detail as may be required. A certificate by an authorized officer of such armed forces shall be accepted by the dealer as sufficient proof that the sale is for the purpose specified in the certificate.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.30.170, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.217 FUEL IN VEHICLES COMING INTO COUNTY NOT TAXED.**

Any person coming into the county in a motor vehicle may transport in the fuel tank of such vehicle motor vehicle fuel for his own use only and for the purpose of operating such motor vehicle without securing a license or paying the fee provided in §§ 11.201 and 11.202, or complying with any of the provisions imposed upon dealers by this subchapter, but if the motor vehicle fuel so brought into the county is removed from the fuel tank of the vehicle or used for any purpose other than the propulsion of the vehicle, the person is so importing the fuel into the county and shall be subject to all the provisions in this subchapter applying to dealers.

(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.180, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.218 FUEL SOLD OR DELIVERED TO DEALERS OR SUBDEALERS.**

(A) A dealer or subdealer selling or delivering motor vehicle fuel to dealers or subdealers is not required to pay a license fee thereon.

(B) The dealer or subdealer in rendering monthly statements to the Division as required by §§ 11.201 and 11.210 shall show separately the number of gallons of motor vehicle fuel sold or delivered to dealers or subdealers.

(‘ 90 Code, § 5.30.190, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.219 REFUNDS.**

(A) Any person who has paid any fees on motor vehicle fuel imposed or directed to be paid under this subchapter either directly by the collection of the fee by the vendor from the consumer, or indirectly by adding the amount of the fee to the price of the fuel and paid by the consumer, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of such fee paid by him, except as provided in §§ 11.220 and 11.223, if such person has:

(1) Purchased and used such fuel for the purpose of operating or propelling stationary gas engines, tractors or motorboats if the motorboat is

used for commercial purposes at any time during the period for which the refund is claimed;

(2) Purchased and used such fuel for cleaning or dyeing or other commercial use, except when used in motor vehicles operated upon any highway;

(3) Purchased and exported such fuel from the county, in containers other than fuel supply tanks of motor vehicles; or

(4) Purchased and exported such fuel in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle and has used such fuel to operate the vehicle upon the highways of another state, if the user has paid to the other state a similar motor vehicle fuel fee or tax on the same fuel, or has paid any other highway use tax the rate for which is increased because such fuel was not purchased in, and the fee or tax thereon paid, to such state.

(B) When a motor vehicle with auxiliary equipment uses fuel and there is no auxiliary motor for such equipment or separate tank for such a motor, a refund may be claimed and allowed as provided by subsection (D) except as otherwise provided by this subsection (B), without the necessity of furnishing proof of the amount of fuel used in the operation of the auxiliary equipment. The person claiming the refund may present to the Division a statement of his claim and be allowed a refund as follows:

(1) For fuel used in pumping aircraft fuel, motor vehicle fuel, fuel or heating oils or other petroleum products by a power takeoff unit on a delivery truck, refund shall be allowed claimant for the fee paid on fuel purchased at the rate of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one gallon for each 1,000 gallons of petroleum products delivered.

(2) For fuel used in operating a power takeoff unit on a cement mixer truck or on a garbage truck, claimant shall be allowed a refund of 25% of the fee paid on all fuel used in such a truck.

(C) When a person purchases and uses motor vehicle fuel in a vehicle equipped with a power takeoff unit, a refund may be claimed for fuel used

to operate the power takeoff unit provided the vehicle is equipped with a metering device approved by the Division and designed to operate only while the vehicle is stationary and the parking brake is engaged; the quantity of fuel measured by the metering device shall be presumed to be the quantity of fuel consumed by the operation of the power takeoff unit.

(D) Before any such refund may be granted, the person claiming such refund must present to the Division a statement accompanied by copies of the original invoices showing such purchases; provided that in lieu of such invoices, refunds submitted under subsection (A)(4) shall be accompanied by information showing source of fuel used and evidence of payment of fee or tax to the state in which the fuel was used. The statement shall be made over the signature of the claimant, and shall state the total amount of such fuel for which is entitled to be reimbursed under subsection (A). The Division, upon the presentation of the statement and invoices, or other required documents, shall cause to be repaid to the claimant from the fees collected on motor vehicle fuel such fees so paid by the claimant.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; '90 Code, § 5.30.200, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.220      LIMITATION ON  
APPLICATIONS FOR REFUNDS.**

Applications for refunds made under §§ 11.219 and 11.223 to 11.227 must be filed with the Division before the expiration of 15 months from the date of purchase or invoice, except that unused fuel reported as an ending inventory on any claim may be included in a subsequent claim if presented not later than 15 months from the filing date of the claim which established the inventory. All applications for refunds based upon exportation of motor vehicle fuel from this state in the fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle must be filed with the Division before the expiration of 15 months from the last day of the month in which the fuel was used, or before the expiration of 15 months from the date of an assessment for unpaid fee or tax by the state in which the fuel was used.

('90 Code, § 5.30.210, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.221      SELLER TO GIVE INVOICE  
FOR EACH PURCHASE MADE  
BY PERSON ENTITLED TO  
REFUND.**

(A) When motor vehicle fuel is sold to a person who claims to be entitled to a refund of the fee imposed, the seller of the motor vehicle fuel shall make and deliver at the time of the sale separate invoices for each purchase in such form and containing any information prescribed by the Division.

(B) The invoices shall be legibly written and shall be void if any corrections or erasures appear on the face thereof. Any person who alters any part of any invoice that will tend to give to the claimant an illegal gain, shall have the entire claim invalidated. The seller shall for a period of at least 18 months retain copies of all invoices and make them available to the Division upon request.

(C) The invoices required by this section may be the same as or incorporated in those required under ORS 319.300.

('90 Code, § 5.30.220, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.222      CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS;  
INVESTIGATION.**

(A) The Division may require any person who makes claim for refund of fee on motor vehicle fuel to furnish a statement, under oath, giving his occupation, description of the machines or equipment in which the motor vehicle fuel was used, the place where used and such other information as the Division may require.

(B) The Division may investigate claims and gather and compile such information in regard to the claims as it considers necessary to safeguard the county and prevent fraudulent practices in connection with fee refunds and evasions. The Division may, in order to establish the validity of any claim, examine the books and records of the claimant for such purposes. The records shall be in such form and contain such information as the Division may require. Failure of the claimant to maintain such records or to accede to the demand for such examination constitutes a waiver of all rights to the refund claimed on account of the transaction questioned.

( ' 90 Code, § 5.30.230, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.223 REFUND OF FEE ON FUEL USED IN OPERATION OF VEHICLES OVER CERTAIN ROADS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

(A) Except where a refund is authorized by §§ 11.225 or 11.226, upon compliance with subsection (B) or (C) the Division shall refund, in the manner provided in subsection (B) or (C), the fee on motor vehicle fuel that is used in the operation of a motor vehicle:

(1) By any person on any road, thoroughfare or property in private ownership.

(2) By any person on any road, thoroughfare or property, other than a state highway, county road or city street, for the removal of forest products, as defined in ORS 321.005, or the products of such forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, or for the construction or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property, pursuant to a written agreement or permit authorizing the use, construction or maintenance of the road, thoroughfare or property, with or by:

(a) An agency of the United States;

(b) The State Board of Forestry;

(c) The State Forester; or

(d) A licensee of any agency named in subsections (A)(2)(a), (b) or (c).

(3) By an agency of the United States or of the state or any county, city or port of the state on any road, thoroughfare or property, other than a state highway, county road or city street.

(4) By any person on any county road for the removal of forest products, as defined in ORS 321.005, or the products of such forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, if:

(a) The use of the county road is pursuant to a written agreement entered into with, or to a permit issued by, the State Board of Forestry, the State Forester or an agency of the United States, authorizing such person to use such road and requiring such person to pay for or to perform the construction or maintenance of the county road;

(b) The Board, officer or agency that entered into the agreement or granted the permit, by contract with the County Court or Board, has assumed the responsibility for the construction or maintenance of such county road; and

(c) Copies of the agreements or permits required by subsections (A)(4)(a) and (b) are filed with the Division.

(B) Except for a farmer subject to subsection (C), the person or agency, as the case may be, who has paid any fee on such motor vehicle fuels imposed or directed to be paid, as provided by this subchapter, is entitled to claim a refund of the fee so paid on such fuels or for the proportionate part of the fee paid on fuels used in the operation of such vehicles, when part of the operations are over such road, thoroughfares or property. The proportionate part shall be based upon the number of miles traveled by any such vehicle over such roads, thoroughfares or property as compared to the total number of miles traveled by such vehicle. To be eligible to claim such refund the person or agency, as the case may be, shall first establish and maintain a complete record of the operations, miles traveled, gallons of fuel used and other information, in such form and in such detail as the Division may prescribe and require, the source of supply of all fuels purchased or used, and the particular vehicles or equipment in which used. Whenever any such claim is received and approved by the Division, it shall cause the refund of fee to be paid to the claimant in like manner as provided for paying of other refund claims.

(C) A farmer who has paid any fee on motor vehicle fuels imposed or directed to be paid, as provided by this subchapter, is entitled to claim a refund of the fee paid on such fuels used in farming operations in the operation of any motor vehicle on any road, thoroughfare or property in private ownership. To be eligible to claim such refund a farmer

shall maintain in such form and in such detail as the Division may prescribe and require, a record, supported by purchase invoices, of all such motor vehicle fuel purchased (including fuel purchased to operate any motor vehicle on the highway) and, for each and every motor vehicle operated on the highway, a record of all fuel used and of all miles traveled on the highway. Whenever any such claim is received and approved by the Division, it shall cause the refund of fee to be paid to the claimant in like manner as provided for paying of other refund claims.

(D) As used in subsections (B) and (C), *FARMER* includes any person who manages or conducts a farm for the production of livestock or crops but does not include a person who manages or conducts a farm for the production of forest products, as defined in ORS 321.005, or the products of such forest products converted to a form other than logs at or near the harvesting site, or of forest trees unless the production of such forest products or forest trees is only incidental to the primary purpose of the farming operation.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; '90 Code, § 5.30.240, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.224 REFUNDS TO PURCHASERS OF FUEL FOR AIRCRAFT.**

Whenever any statement and invoices are presented to the Division showing that motor vehicle fuel has been purchased and used in operating aircraft engines and upon which the fee on motor vehicle fuel has been paid, the Division shall refund the fee paid.

('90 Code, § 5.30.250, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.225 REFUNDS TO COUNTIES AND ROAD ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS.**

Any county or road assessment district formed under ORS 371.405 to 371.535, which buys and uses any motor vehicle fuel for the purpose of operating or propelling road maintainers, graders, tractors, trucks and other equipment used in the construction and maintenance of public highways and which has paid any fee on motor vehicle fuel imposed or directed to be paid under this chapter either directly by the collection of the fee by the vendor from the

consumer, or indirectly by adding the amount of the fee to the price of the fuel and paid by the consumer, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of the fee paid by the county or road assessment district as provided by §§ 11.219 through 11.224 of this subchapter if such machinery is used exclusively for the maintenance and construction of such public highways.

('90 Code, § 5.30.260, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.226 REFUNDS TO STATE, COUNTIES, AND CITIES.**

(A) The state, counties and any city, by its proper officer or officers, may secure from the county a refund of any and all fees imposed and collected by the county on any motor vehicle fuel purchased and used by the state, counties, or such city.

(B) The Division may establish rules necessary to safeguard the county in the matter of the fee refunds authorized in this section. Noncompliance with any of such rules by the state or any incorporated city or town claiming refund under this section is grounds for refusal by the Division to allow such claims.

(C) The procedure for refund of fees provided by §§ 11.219 through 11.224 of this subchapter shall apply insofar as applicable to claims for the refunds authorized by this section.

('90 Code, § 5.30.270, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.227 REFUND OF FEE ON FUEL USED IN TRANSPORTATION OF RURAL MAIL.**

(A) All fees collected by the county on the sale, use or distribution of any motor vehicle fuel used exclusively in the transportation of rural free delivery mail or special delivery mail of the United States shall be refunded to the person paying the fee if the person is engaged solely and exclusively in the transportation of rural free delivery mail or special delivery mail of the United States.

(B) Any person engaged solely and exclusively in transportation of rural free delivery or special delivery mail of the United States, who buys any motor vehicle fuel and uses it exclusively in the trans-

portation of rural free delivery mail or special delivery mail of the United States, and who has paid any fee on motor vehicle fuel, either directly by the collection of the fee by the vendor from the consumer or indirectly by adding the amount of the fee to the price of the fuel and paid by the consumer, shall be reimbursed and repaid the amount of the fee paid by him upon presenting to the Division a statement accompanied by the original invoice showing the purchase. The statement shall be made over the signature of the claimant and shall state the total amount of fuel so purchased and used by the consumer for the transportation of rural free delivery mail or special delivery mail of the United States. The Division, upon the presentation of the statement and the voucher, shall cause to be repaid to the consumer, from the fees collected on motor vehicle fuels, the fees so paid by the consumer on motor vehicle fuels so used.

(' 90 Code, § 5.30.280, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.228 EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS; CORRECTION OF REPORTS.**

The Division may make any examination of the accounts, records, stocks, facilities and equipment of dealers, subdealers, service stations and other persons engaged in storing, selling or distributing motor vehicle fuel or other petroleum product or products within this county, and such other investigations as it considers necessary in carrying out the provisions of this chapter. If the examinations or investigations disclose that any reports of dealers, subdealers or other persons filed with the Division pursuant to the requirements of this chapter, have shown incorrectly the amount of gallonage of motor vehicle fuel distributed or the fee accruing, the Division may make such changes in subsequent reports and payments of such dealers, subdealers or other persons, or may make such refunds, as may be necessary to correct the errors disclosed by its examinations or investigations.

(' 90 Code, § 5.30.290, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.229 LIMITATION ON CREDIT FOR OR REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT AND ON ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEE.**

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, any credit for erroneous overpayment of fee made by a dealer or subdealer taken on a subsequent return or any claim for refund of fee erroneously overpaid filed by a dealer or subdealer must be taken or filed within three years after the date on which the overpayment was made to the county.

(B) Except in the case of a fraudulent report or neglect to make a report, every notice of additional fee proposed to be assessed under this subchapter shall be served on dealers and subdealers within three years from the date upon which such additional fees become due.

(' 90 Code, § 5.30.300, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.230 EXAMINING BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF CARRIER OF MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL.**

The Division may at any time during normal business hours examine the books and accounts of any carrier of motor vehicle fuel operating within the county for the purpose of checking shipments or use of motor vehicle fuel, detecting diversions thereof or evasion of fees in enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

(' 90 Code, § 5.30.310, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.231 RECORDS TO BE KEPT BY DEALERS.**

Every dealer or subdealer in motor vehicle fuel shall keep a record in such form as may be prescribed by the Division of all purchases, receipts, sales and distribution of motor fuel. The records shall include copies of all invoices or bills of all such sales and shall at all times during the business hours of the day be subject to inspection by the Division or its designees.

(' 90 Code, § 5.30.320, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.232 RECORDS TO BE KEPT THREE YEARS.**

Every dealer and subdealer shall maintain and keep, for a period of three years, all records of motor vehicle fuel used, sold and distributed within the county by such dealer or subdealer, together with stock records, invoices, bills of lading and other pertinent papers as may be required by the Division. In the event such records are not kept within the state, the dealer or subdealer shall reimburse the Division for all travel, lodging and related expenses incurred by the Division in examining such records. The amount of such expenses shall be an additional fee imposed under this chapter.

('90 Code, § 5.30.330, 07/01/1998; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.233 USE OF FEE.**

(A) Except as provided by subsection (B) the fees collected under this subchapter, after deducting the costs of administration and collection, shall be used by the county solely for the purposes prescribed by the state constitution for the use of taxes upon motor vehicle fuel; but may be shared by agreement with a city or cities situated in whole or in part within its boundaries for those purposes.

(B) (1) On or before August 15 of each year, the Director of the Department of County Management shall determine as accurately as possible the amount of the motor vehicle fuel tax imposed under §§ 11.201 through 11.218 of this subchapter during the preceding fiscal year with respect to fuel purchased and used to operate or propel motorboats. The amount determined shall be reduced by the amount of any refunds for motorboats used for commercial purposes actually paid during the preceding year on account of § 11.219(A)(1) of this subchapter.

(2) The amount of the estimate made under subsection (B)(1) as reduced by refunds shall be transferred to Metro on or before September 30 of each year to be used solely for the acquisition, development, administration, operation, and maintenance of any Metro-owned or operated facility which was transferred by the county to Metro.

(3) The county is authorized to enter onto an agreement with the Department of Transportation of the state to administer, collect and deposit all revenue due under this chapter. The Department of Transportation may be reimbursed for its administrative costs from the funds collected pursuant to this chapter.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1061, Amended, 05/26/2005, eff. 7/1/2005; Ord. 978, Amended, 03/07/2002; Ord. 971, Amended, 12/20/2001; Ord. 956, Amended, 01/18/2001; '90 Code, § 5.30.340, 07/01/1998; Ord. 862, passed, 07/11/1996; Ord. 588, passed, 08/04/1988; Ord. 273, passed, 05/14/1981; Ord. 123, passed, 04/15/1976)





**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE****§ 11.250- AUTHORITY.**

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

(Ord. 1277, Amended, 12/05/2019; Ord. 1259, Amended, 07/12/2018; Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 11.251 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide funds for 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.

(Ord. 1277, Amended, 12/05/2019; Ord. 1259, Amended, 07/12/2018; Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 11.252 DEFINITIONS.**

(A) "Bridge" means the bridges and parts thereof.

(B) "Vehicle" shall have the meaning given in ORS 801.590.

(B) "Registration" or "register" shall have the meaning given in ORS 801.410.

(Ord. 1259, Amended, 07/12/2018; Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 11.253 FEE IMPOSED; EXEMPTIONS.**

(A) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph B, a vehicle registration fee is imposed on every vehicle registered with the State of Oregon Department of Transportation where the address on the application for registration or the renewal of registration is in Multnomah County.

(B) The following vehicles are exempt from the vehicle registration fee:

(1) Snowmobiles and Class I all-terrain vehicles;

(2) Fixed load vehicles;

(3) Vehicles registered under ORS 805.100 to disabled veterans;

(4) Vehicles registered as antique vehicles under ORS 805.010;

(5) Vehicles registered as vehicles of special interest under ORS 805.020;

(6) Government-owned or operated vehicles registered under ORS 805.040 or 805.045;

(7) School buses or school activity vehicles registered under ORS 805.050;

(8) Law enforcement undercover vehicles registered under ORS 805.060;

(9) Vehicles registered on a proportional basis for interstate operation;

(10) Vehicles with a registration weight of 26,001 pounds or more described in ORS 803.420 (10) or (11);

(11) Vehicles registered as farm vehicles under the provisions of ORS 805.300;

(12) Travel trailers, campers and motor homes.

(13) Vehicles registered to an employment address as provided in ORS 802.250 when the eligible public employee or household member's residence address is not within the county of the employment address.

(14) Vehicles registered under ORS 803.420 to former prisoners of war.

(Ord. 1259, Amended, 07/12/2018; Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 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 for each year of

the registration period. 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 the State of Oregon under ORS 803.420. The fee shall be collected by the Oregon Department of Transportation on behalf of Multnomah County.

(Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 11.255 AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Pursuant to ORS 801.041, the County shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for collection of the fees.

(Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**§ 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.

(Ord. 1277, Amended, 12/05/2019; Ord. 1259, Amended, 07/12/2018; Ord. 1184, Amended, 06/23/2011; Ord. 1151, Amended, 09/01/2010, Ord. 1148, Added, 10/22/2009, eff. 9/1/2010)

**MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX****§ 11.300- DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions apply unless the context requires a different meaning.

**COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT.** Any person or other entity, any part of whose business consists of providing the use of motor vehicles for a rental fee, including a vehicle sharing program, as defined in ORS 742.585.

**DIRECTOR.** The Chief Finance Officer of the county.

**DOING BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY.** Any of the following conduct by a commercial establishment whose business address is within or outside the county:

- (1) Delivery of a rented vehicle to a location within the county for use by a person within the county; or
- (2) Presenting for execution within the county by any person a car rental agreement.

**EXCISE TAX FUND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.** The intergovernmental agreement dated April 1, 2000, entered into by and between Multnomah County and Metro for the purpose of supporting specified facilities and programs including the Oregon Convention Center, the Portland's 5 Centers for the Arts, and the Regional Arts and Cultural Council.

**EXEMPTION AREA.** Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties.

**MOTOR VEHICLE.** Without limitation, automobiles, trucks having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight not exceeding 24,000 pounds, motor homes, motorcycles, pickup campers and any motorized passenger vehicles designed to carry fewer than ten persons, which are capable of being used on the highways of the state.

**OCC COMPLETION BONDS.** Means those certain revenue bonds issued to expand and complete

the Oregon Convention Center (OCC), as described in the Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreement.

**PAY AND SECURE DEBT SERVICE.** The payment of principal of, interest on, and redemption premium, if any, of certain bonds described in the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement.

**RENTAL FEE.** The gross fee and charges, whatever the basis of their calculation, paid to a commercial establishment by any person for the rental of a motor vehicle. The rental fee includes, without limitation, the base rate charged for the motor vehicle, the cost of all options and rented accessories, and any additional equipment and services included in the gross rental fee charge. Rental fee does not include the cost of fuel purchased from the commercial establishment for the motor vehicle if the fuel is subject to the fee set forth in § 11.201.

**RENTAL or RENTING.** Obtaining in the county the use of a motor vehicle from a commercial establishment in the county for a rental fee, and includes all services, supplies and commodities furnished by the commercial establishment in connection with providing the use of the vehicle, but does not include leasing or other transactions where title of a motor vehicle is permanently or temporarily transferred from the commercial establishment to any other person or entity.

**VISITOR FACILITIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.** The Second Amended and Restated Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement entered into by and between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and Metro for the purpose of supporting regional visitor facilities, visitor industry development, and programs and facilities that contribute to the vibrancy, livability, and desirability of the Portland-Multnomah County area, including but not limited to mental health and drug addiction treatment, crisis assessment and treatment, the homeless youth continuum of care, shelter services, and public safety.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1206, Amended 12/19/2013; Ord. 1132, Amended, 05/14/2009; Ord. 957, Amended, 01/25/2001; Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; Ord. 934, Amended, 07/29/1999; '90 Code, § 5.40.010, 07/01/1998; Ord. 849, passed, 04/11/1996; Ord. 627, passed, 08/17/1989; Ord. 519, passed, 06/19/1986; Ord. 417, passed, 05/01/1984; Ord. 407, passed, 12/11/1983; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.301 IMPOSITION OF TAX.**

(A) A tax is imposed on every person renting a motor vehicle from a commercial establishment doing business in the county, if the rental is for a period of 30 days or less. A rental must have a duration of 30 days or less if the actual possession or use by the person renting the vehicle terminates not later than the end of a 30-day period or if any contract governing the rental has a duration of 30 days or less.

(B) The base rate of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 14.5% of the rental fee charged by the commercial establishment for the rental.

(C) The surcharge of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 2.5% of the rental fee charged by the commercial establishment for the rental. This surcharge shall remain in force as long as the OCC Completion Bonds are outstanding as described in § 11.402(B)(2) of the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement.

(D) If, with respect to any rental fee, the tax imposed under this section does not equal an amount calculable to a whole cent, the commercial establishment must charge a tax equal to the next highest whole cent. However, the amount remitted to the Director by the commercial establishment for each quarter must equal 17% of the total rental fees collected by the commercial establishment during the quarter.

Penalty, see § 11.399

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 1132, Amended, 05/14/2009; Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘90 Code, § 5.40.050, 07/01/1998; Ord. 849, passed, 04/11/1996; Ord. 407, passed, 12/11/1983; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.302 COLLECTION OF TAX; REMITTANCE RECORDS; TAX AS DEBT.**

(A) The commercial establishment must collect the tax imposed by § 11.301 at the time it collects a rental fee.

(B) On or before the last business day of January, April, July and October of each year, each commercial establishment must remit to the Director (S-1 2020)

all taxes collected during the preceding calendar quarter. The remittance must be accompanied by a report showing:

(1) The amount of the rental fees collected by the commercial establishment during the preceding quarter;

(2) The amount, if any, of those rental fees that is attributable to and identified on the records or billings of the commercial establishment for gas-line sales;

(3) Such further information as the Director may prescribe;

(C) The report and all such additional information as required from the commercial establishment accompanying remittance of the collected tax is exempt from public disclosure and remains confidential in the possession of the Director.

(D) All commercial establishments must maintain accurate records of rental fees assessed and of taxes collected, and such records are subject to review, inspection and audit within the county by the Director or the director's designee at all reasonable times.

(E) The commercial establishment that rents a vehicle in the county is responsible for remittance of the tax, based on the total rental fee, wherever collected, as well as maintenance of the appropriate records of the fees.

(F) The tax imposed by § 11.301 is a debt owed by the commercial establishment to the county until remitted under this section.

Penalty, see § 11.399

(Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘90 Code, § 5.40.075, 07/01/1998; Ord. 849, passed, 04/11/1996; Ord. 592, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 407, passed, 12/11/1983; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

**§ 11.303 TAX EVASION OR DEFICIENCY DETERMINATION.**

(A) If the Director determines that the report required in § 11.302(B) has not been filed or is incorrect, the Director may compute and determine the

amount required to be paid upon the basis of the facts contained in any report or reports, or upon the basis of any available information. One or more deficiency or evasion determinations may be made of the amount due for one or more than one period. The amount so determined is due and payable immediately upon service of notice, after which the amount determined is delinquent. Penalties on deficiencies will be applied under § 11.399.

(B) In making a determination, the Director may offset any overpayments previously made for a period or periods, against any underpayment for a subsequent period or periods, or against penalties and interest on the underpayments. Interest on underpayments will accrue at the rate of one percent per month pro rata from the date the tax became delinquent until the date paid.

(C) The Director will give written determination notice to the commercial establishment, served personally or by certified mail. If mail service is employed, service is deemed made upon mailing.

(D) Except where fraud or intent to evade this subchapter exists, every deficiency determination must be made and notice given within three years after the last day of the month following the close of the quarterly reporting period for which the amount is proposed to be determined, or within three years after the report reflecting an underpayment is filed, whichever period expires later.

Penalty, see § 11.399

(Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.40.080, 07/01/1998; Ord. 849, passed, 04/11/1996; Ord. 592, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 407, passed, 12/11/1983)

### § 11.304 USE OF TAXES.

(A) The 14.5% base taxes collected under this subchapter are general fund revenues of the county, except that the portion of taxes attributable to gasoline sales are subject to the limitations on use prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state.

(B) All 2.5% surcharge taxes collected under this subchapter will be used to pay and secure debt service for so long as required under the Visitors Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 1132, Amended, 05/14/2009; Ord. 957,

Amended, 01/25/2001; Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.40.100, 07/01/1998; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

### § 11.305 EXEMPTIONS.

The tax imposed by 11.301 is not applicable to:

(A) A rental fee that state or federal law exempts from the tax.

(B) A rental fee for a motor vehicle used for official governmental business by an employee of the federal government.

(C) A motor vehicle rented by a resident of the exemption area to temporarily replace a vehicle being repaired or serviced.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 942, Amended, 02/17/2000; Ord. 934, Amended, 07/29/1999; ' 90 Code, § 5.40.125, 07/01/1998; Ord. 627, passed, 08/17/1989; Ord. 592, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

### § 11.306 LICENSE REQUIRED.

Every commercial establishment shall be required to obtain from the Director a one-time only, non-transferable, non-renewable license for its operation in the county. A license shall be required for each site within the county. The Director shall collect a fee in an amount set by Board resolution for each license issued.

Penalty, see § 11.399

(' 90 Code, § 5.40.150, 07/01/1998; Ord. 849, passed, 04/11/1996; Ord. 592, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 407, passed, 12/11/1983; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

### § 11.307 DIRECTOR'S RULES.

The Director is authorized to establish rules and procedures for the implementation and enforcement of this subchapter.

(' 90 Code, § 5.40.175, 07/01/1998; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

### § 11.399 PENALTY.

(A) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, any commercial establishment which fails to collect and remit all taxes collected by it or otherwise fails to comply with this subchapter shall be subject to a penalty equal to 50% of any deficiency

in the taxes remitted by it, or to such lesser penalty as the director may assess.

(B) The penalty imposed by subsection (A) shall be a debt owed by the commercial establishment to the county.

(C) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; '90 Code, § 5.40.900, 07/01/1998; Ord. 122, passed, 04/15/1976)

**TRANSIENT LODGINGS TAX****§ 11.400- DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions apply unless the context requires a different meaning.

**ACCRUAL ACCOUNTING.** An accounting method where the operator enters the rent due from a transient on the records when the rent is earned, whether or not it is paid.

**CASH ACCOUNTING.** An accounting method where the operator does not enter the rent due from a transient on the records until rent is paid.

**CPI.** The annual average percent change in the Portland Salem OR-WA CPI-U as issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the most recent 12-month calendar year period, or a comparable measure of price change if this index is not available.

**EXCISE TAX FUND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.** The intergovernmental agreement dated April 1, 2000, entered into by and between Multnomah County and Metro for the purpose of supporting specified facilities and programs including the Oregon Convention Center, the Portland's Centers for the Arts, and the Regional Arts and Cultural Council.

**HOTEL.** Any structure, or any portion of any structure that is occupied or intended or designed for transient occupancy for 30 days or less for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, lodginghouse, rooming house, apartment house, public or private dormitory, fraternity, sorority, public or private club, and also includes space in mobile home or trailer parks, or similar structure or space if occupancy is for less than a 30-day period.

**OCCUPANCY.** The use or possession, or the right to use or possess for lodging or sleeping purposes any room or rooms in a hotel, or space in a mobile home or trailer park or portion thereof.

**OPERATOR.** Operator means either one of the following: a) TRANSIENT LODGING IN-

TERMEDIARY. A person other than a transient lodging provider that facilitates the retail sale of transient lodging and charges for occupancy of the transient lodging. Or, b) TRANSIENT LODGING PROVIDER. A person that furnishes transient lodging.

**PAY AND SECURE DEBT SERVICE.** The payment of principal of, interest on, and redemption premium, if any, of certain bonds described in the Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement.

**RENT.** The consideration charged, whether or not received by the operator, for the occupancy of space in a hotel, valued in money, goods, labor, credits, property or other consideration valued in money, without any deduction.

Rent does not include the sale or purchase of any goods, services or commodities other than the furnishing of rooms, accommodations and space occupancy in mobile home parks or trailer parks.

If a single rate is charged by the operator for a package plan to include both food and rent, the tax imposed by this chapter shall be based on the charge for rent when not part of a package plan.

**TAX.** Either the tax payable by the transient or the aggregate amount of taxes due from an operator during the period for which the operator is required to report collections.

**TAX ADMINISTRATOR.** The Chief Financial Officer of the County.

**TRANSIENT.** Any individual who exercises occupancy or is entitled to occupancy in a hotel for a period of 30 consecutive calendar days or less, counting portions of calendar days as full days. The day a transient checks out of the hotel will not be included in determining the 30-day period if the transient is not charged rent for that day by the operator. Any such individual occupying space in a hotel will be considered to be a transient until the period of 30 days has expired unless there is an agreement in writing between the operator and the occupant providing for a longer period of occupancy, or the tenancy actually extends more than 30 consecutive days. A person who pays for lodging on

a monthly basis, irrespective of the number of days in any month, is not considered transient.

**VISITOR FACILITIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.** The Second Amended and Restated Visitor Facilities Intergovernmental Agreement entered into by and between Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and Metro for the purpose of supporting regional visitor facilities, visitor industry development, and programs and facilities that contribute to the vibrancy, livability, and desirability of the Portland-Multnomah County area, including but not limited to mental health and drug addiction treatment, crisis assessment and treatment, the homeless youth continuum of care, shelter services, and public safety.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1230, Amended, 3/10/16; Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/13; Ord. 957, Amended, 01/25/2001; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.010, 07/01/1998; Ord. 790, passed, 06/16/1994; Ord. 593, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

#### § 11.401 TAX IMPOSED.

(A) A tax is imposed pm each transient for the privilege of occupancy in any hotel in the county.

(1) The tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the county that is extinguished only by payment by the operator to the county. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator at the time the rent is paid.

(2) The operator will record the tax when rent is collected if the operator keeps records on the cash accounting basis, and when earned if the operator keeps records on the accrual accounting basis. If rent is paid in installments, the transient will pay a proportionate share of the tax to the operator with each installment.

(B) Each transient shall pay a tax of 11.5% of the rent charged by the operator, with this tax comprised of the following base rate and surcharges:

(1) The base rate of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 5%.

(2) A first surcharge rate of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 1%.

(3) A second surcharge of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 3%. This surcharge shall remain in force as long as required under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements.

(4) A third surcharge of the tax imposed by subsection (A) is equal to 2.5%. This surcharge shall remain in force as long as required under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 957, Amended, 01/25/2001; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.050, 07/01/1998; Ord. 845, passed, 03/14/1996; Ord. 870, passed, 01/09/1996; Ord. 811, passed, 02/26/1995; Ord. 790, passed, 06/16/1994; Ord. 569, passed, 01/28/1988; Ord. 501, passed, 02/20/1986; Ord. 488, passed, 12/19/1985; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

#### § 11.402 USE OF PROCEEDS.

(A) After deductions for refunds or credits, including interest thereon, authorized by this subchapter, the proceeds collected under § 11.401(A) will be used for related administrative costs and as set forth below:

(1) The base taxes collected under § 11.401(B)(1) and the surcharge taxes collected under § 11.401(B)(2) are general fund revenues of the county.

(2) The surcharge taxes collected under § 11.401(B)(3) will be used, for so long as required under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements: (a) to support regional visitor facilities, visitor industry development, and programs and facilities that contribute to the vibrancy, livability, and desirability of the region, (b) to pay for program and administrative costs allowed under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements; and (c) to pay and secure debt service; and

(3) The surcharge taxes collected under § 11.401(B)(4) will be used, for so long as required under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements: (a) to support regional visitor facilities, visitor industry development, and programs and facilities that contribute to the vibrancy,



cy, livability, and desirability of the region, including but not limited to mental health and drug addiction treatment, crisis assessment and treatment, the homeless youth continuum of care, shelter services, and public safety; (b) to pay for program and administrative costs allowed under the Visitor Facilities and Excise Tax Fund Intergovernmental Agreements and (c) to pay and secure debt.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 1230, Amended, 3/10/2016; Ord. 1206, Added, 12/19/2013)

### **§ 11.403 COLLECTION OF TAX BY OPERATOR.**

(A) Every operator renting rooms or space for lodging or sleeping purposes in this county, the occupancy of which is not exempted under the terms of this subchapter, must collect a tax from the occupant.

(B) Each operator must collect the tax imposed by this subchapter at the same time the rent is collected from each transient. The amount of tax must be separately stated upon the operator's records and any receipt rendered by the operator. No operator of a hotel will advertise that the tax or any part of the tax will be assumed or absorbed by the operator, or that it will not be added to the rent, or that, when added, any part will be refunded, except as provided by this subchapter.

(C) The tax collected or accrued by the operator constitutes a debt owing by the operator to the County, payable as specified in 11.407 of this chapter.

(D) In all cases of credit or deferred payment of rent, the payment of tax to the operator may be deferred until the rent is paid, and the operator will not be liable for the tax until credits are paid or deferred payments are made. Adjustments may be made for uncollectable taxes.

(E) For rent collected on portions of a dollar, fractions of a penny of tax will not be remitted.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.075, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

### **§ 11.404 TAX ADMINISTRATOR'S DUTIES.**

The Tax Administrator shall adopt Administrative Rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.100, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

### **§ 11.405 EXEMPTIONS.**

No tax imposed by this subchapter will be collected from:

(A) Any occupant for more than 30 successive calendar days;

(B) Any person who pays for lodging on a monthly basis, irrespective of the number of days in any month;

(C) Any occupant whose rent is of a value less than \$2 per day;

(D) Any person who rents a private home, vacation cabin or similar facility from any owner who rents the facility incidentally to the owner's own use of it;

(E) Any federal government employee renting a room for official governmental business;

(F) Any persons renting and occupying a space in a recreational vehicle park or campground;

(G) Any person housed through an emergency shelter or disaster program where the rent is paid with government assistance; or

(H) Any person in a hospital room, medical or mental health facility, convalescent home, home for aged people, or a government owned and operated public institution.

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.125, 07/01/1998; Ord. 593, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.406 REGISTRATION OF OPERATOR; CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY.**

(A) Every person engaging or about to engage in business as an operator of a hotel in the county must register with the tax administrator on a form provided by the administrator. Operators starting businesses must register within 15 calendar days after commencing business.

(B) The privilege of registration after the date of imposition of the transient lodgings tax will not relieve any person from the obligation of payment or collection of tax regardless of registration.

(C) The tax administrator will, within ten days after registration, issue without charge a certificate of authority to each registrant to collect the tax from the occupant, with a duplicate for each additional place of business of each registrant.

(D) Certificates are not assignable or transferable and must be surrendered immediately to the tax administrator upon the cessation of business at the location named or upon its sale or transfer.

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.150, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.407 DUE DATE; RETURNS AND PAYMENTS.**

(A) All taxes collected by any operator are due and payable to the tax administrator on a quarterly basis on the fifteenth day of the following month for the preceding three months, and are delinquent on the last day of the month in which they are due. If the last day falls on a holiday or weekend, amounts are delinquent on the first business day that follows.

(B) On or before the fifteenth day of the month following each quarter of collection, a return for the preceding quarter's tax collections must be filed with the tax administrator. The return must be filed by every operator liable for payment of tax in such form as the tax administrator prescribes by Administrative Rule.

(C) For good cause, the tax administrator may extend for up to one month the time for making any

return or payment of tax. No further extension will be granted.

(D) An operator to whom an extension is granted must pay interest at the rate of 1.25% per month on the amount of tax due without proration for a fraction of a month. If a return is not filed and the tax and interest due is not paid by the end of the extension granted, the interest will become part of the tax for computation of penalties described in § 11.420.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.175, 07/01/1998; Ord. 593, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.408 TAX DEFICIENCY DETERMINATION.**

(A) The tax administrator may compute and determine the amount required to be paid upon the facts contained in the return, or other information. One or more deficiency determinations may be made of the amount due for one, or more than one period. Once deficiency determination is made, the amount of the deficiency is due and payable ten days after service of deficiency notice. Penalties on deficiencies will be applied under § 11.420.

(B) In making a determination, the tax administrator may offset overpayments for previous periods, against any underpayment for subsequent periods, or against penalties and interest on the underpayments. The interest on underpayments will be computed under § 11.420.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.200, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.409 FRAUD; REFUSAL TO COLLECT; EVASION.**

(A) If any operator fails or refuses to collect the tax or to make within the time provided in this subchapter any report and remittance of the tax required by this subchapter, or makes a fraudulent return or otherwise willfully attempts to evade this subchap-

ter, the tax administrator will obtain facts and information for an estimate of the tax due. The tax administrator will determine and assess against the operator the tax, interest and penalties provided by this subchapter. The tax administrator will give a notice as provided in § 11.408 of the amount assessed. Any determination becomes due and payable immediately upon receipt of notice and becomes final within ten days after the tax administrator has given notice. The operator may petition for redemption and refund if the petition is filed before the determination becomes final.

(B) Except as provided in this section, every deficiency determination shall be made and notice mailed within three years after a return was originally filed or subsequently amended, whichever period expires later. In the case of the filing of a false or fraudulent return with the intent to evade this chapter, a failure to file a required return or willful refusal to collect and remit the tax, a deficiency determination may be made or a proceeding for the collection of such deficiency may be commenced at any time.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1188, Amended, 11/17/2011; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.225, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

#### **§ 11.411 REDETERMINATIONS.**

(A) Any operator or person against whom a determination is made under §§ 11.408 through 11.409 or any operator or person directly interested may petition for a redetermination within the time required in §§ 11.408 through 11.409. If a petition for redetermination is not filed within that time, the determination becomes final at the expiration of the allowable time.

(B) If a petition for redetermination is filed within the allowable period, the tax administrator will reconsider the determination, and, if the petition requests, grant an oral hearing and give ten days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. The tax administrator may continue the hearing from time to time as may be necessary.

(C) The tax administrator may decrease or increase the amount of the determination based upon

information obtained in the hearing. If an increase is determined the increase will be payable with the following quarter's payment.

(D) The order or decision of the tax administrator upon a petition for redetermination becomes final ten days after service upon the petitioner of notice, unless appeal of the order or decision is filed with the tax administrator within the ten days after service of notice.

(E) No petition for redetermination or other appeal shall be accepted and no petition or appeal is effective for any purpose unless the operator has first complied with the payment provisions hereof and has paid in full the amount determined to be due by the decision appealed from.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 1188, Amended, 11/17/2011; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.275, 07/01/1998; Ord. 790, passed, 06/16/1994; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

#### **§ 11.412 SECURITY FOR COLLECTION OF TAX.**

(A) The tax administrator may require any operator to deposit security in the form of cash, bond or other security as the tax administrator may determine. The amount of the security will be fixed by the tax administrator but will not be greater than twice the operator's estimated average quarterly liability for the period, determined as the tax administrator considers proper, or \$5,000, whichever is less. The amount of the security may be increased or decreased by the tax administrator subject to the limitations of this subsection.

(B) At any time within three years after any tax required to be collected becomes due and payable or at any time within three years after any determination becomes final, the tax administrator may bring an action in the courts of this state, or any other state, or of the United States in the name of the county to collect the amount delinquent together with penalties and interest.

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.300, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.413 RECORDS MAINTAINED BY OPERATOR; ADMINISTRATOR EXAMINATION.**

(A) Every operator must keep guest records of room sales and accounting books and records of the room sales. The operator must retain all records for a period of three years and six months after they are created.

(B) The tax administrator may examine during normal business hours the books, papers and accounting records relating to room sales of any operator, after notification to the operator liable for the tax. The tax administrator may investigate the business of the operator in order to verify the accuracy of any return made, or if the operator makes no return, to ascertain and determine the amount required to be paid.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘ 90 Code, § 5.50.325, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.414 CONFIDENTIAL CHARACTER OF INFORMATION; DISCLOSURE PROHIBITED.**

It is unlawful for the tax administrator or any person having an administrative or clerical duty under this subchapter to make known in any manner the business affairs, operations or information obtained by an investigation of records and equipment of any person required to obtain a transient occupancy registration certificate or pay a transient occupancy tax, or the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures or to permit any statement, application, or other private record to be seen or examined by any person. Nothing in this section will prevent:

(A) The disclosure to, or the examination of records and equipment to another county official, employee or agent for collection of taxes for the purpose of administering or enforcing this subchapter, including the collection of taxes.

(B) The disclosure, after the filing of a written request to that effect, to the taxpayer, receivers, trustees, executors, administrators, assignees and guar-

antors, if directly interested, of information as to any paid tax, any unpaid tax or amount of tax required to be collected, or interest, and penalties. The District Attorney must approve each disclosure and the tax administrator may refuse to make any disclosure when the public interest would suffer.

(C) The disclosure of the names and addresses of any persons to whom transient occupancy registration certificates have been issued.

(D) The disclosure of general statistics regarding taxes collected or business activity.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘ 90 Code, § 5.50.350, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.415 APPEAL.**

(A) Any person, operator or transient may appeal any decision of the tax administrator by filing a notice of appeal with the tax administrator within ten days of the service of the notice of the decision given by the tax administrator. Service shall be considered complete within three days of the date the notice of decision is placed in the US Mail. The amount payable referenced on the notice of decision given by the tax administrator must be paid in full before appeal can be filed.

(B) All appeals will be heard by the Business License Appeals Board or Hearings Officer of the City of Portland as determined by City of Portland Code. The tax administrator will transmit the notice of appeal, together with the file of the appealed matter to the Business License Appeals Board within ten business days of receipt of the notice of appeal. The tax administrator will provide the appellant with a copy of the transmittal to the Business License Appeals Board which will include a description of the appeal process and the rights of the appellant in the appeal process.

(C) The decision by the Business License Appeal Board or Hearings Officer shall be the final administrative remedy of the appellant.

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 1188, Amended, 11/17/2011; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘ 90 Code, §

5.50.475, 07/01/1998; Ord. 790, passed, 06/16/1994; Ord. 593, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.416 REFUNDS BY COUNTY TO OPERATOR.**

When any tax, penalty or interest is erroneously paid, it may be refunded. A verified claim in writing, stating the specific reason for the claim must be filed with the tax administrator within three years from the date of payment. The claim must be made on forms provided by the tax administrator. If the tax administrator approves the claim, the excess amount collected or paid may be refunded or may be credited on any amounts then due from the operator and the balance may be refunded to the operator.

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.500, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.417 REFUNDS BY COUNTY TO TRANSIENT.**

When the tax required by this subchapter is collected by the operator and deposited with the tax administrator and is later determined erroneously paid, it may be refunded by the tax administrator to the transient. A verified claim in writing, stating the specific reason for the claim must be filed with the tax administrator within three years from the date of payment.

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.525, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.418 REFUNDS BY OPERATOR TO TENANT.**

When the tax required by this subchapter is collected by the operator and it is later determined that the tenant occupies the hotel for a period exceeding 30 days without interruption, the operator must refund to the tenant the tax collected. . The operator must account for the collection and refund to the tax administrator. If the operator remits the tax before refund or credit to the tenant, the operator is entitled to a corresponding refund under § 11.416.

(Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.550, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.419 CREDIT AGAINST CITY TAX.**

(A) Any person subject to the payment or collection of the base tax and the surcharge under §§ 11.401(B)(1) and (2) is entitled to a credit against the payment of the tax in the amount due any city within the county for a transient lodgings tax for the same occupancy.

(B) No person subject to the surcharge taxes imposed by §§ 11.401(B)(3)-(4) is entitled to a credit against the payment of those taxes. The surcharges are due and payable in accordance with this subchapter regardless of the amount due any city within the county for a transient lodging tax for the same occupancy made taxable under this subchapter.

(Ord. 1280, Amended, 02/20/20; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ' 90 Code, § 5.50.575, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

**§ 11.420 DELINQUENCY AND INTEREST.**

(A) Any operator who has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of tax due and who fails to remit any tax imposed by this subchapter prior to delinquency must pay a penalty of 10% of the amount of the tax due in addition to the amount of the tax.

(B) Any operator who has not been granted an extension of time for remittance of tax due and who fails to pay any delinquent remittance on or before a period of 30 days following the date on which the remittance first became delinquent must pay a second delinquency penalty of 15% of the amount of the tax due plus the amount of the tax and the 10% penalty first imposed.

(C) If the tax administrator determines that the nonpayment of any remittance due under this subchapter is due to fraud or intent to evade, a penalty of 25% of the amount of the tax will be added to the penalties stated in subsections (A) and (B).

(D) In addition to the penalties imposed, any operator who fails to remit any tax imposed by this subchapter must pay interest at the rate of 1.0% per month or fraction thereof without proration for portions of a month, on the amount of the tax due, exclusive of penalties, from the date the remittance

first became delinquent until paid. Interest shall be compounded monthly.

(E) Every penalty imposed and interest under this section is merged with and becomes part of the tax required to be paid.

(F) Any operator who fails to remit the tax levied within the time required by this subchapter must pay the penalties. However, the operator may petition the tax administrator for waiver and refund of the penalty or any portion thereof and the tax administrator may, if a good and sufficient reason is shown, waive and direct a refund of the penalty or any portion thereof.

Penalty, see § 11.499

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 1188, Amended, 11/17/2011; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘ 90 Code, § 5.50.900, 07/01/1998; Ord. 790, passed, 06/16/1994; Ord. 593, passed, 09/29/1988; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)

#### **§ 11.499 PENALTY.**

(A) A violation of this subchapter includes but is not limited to:

1. Failure to register a hotel as required by Section 11.406;
2. Failure to file a Transient Lodging Tax payment and report, including any penalties and interest, within 60 days of the due date specified in Section 11.407(A);
3. Failure to furnish a Return as required by Section 11.407(B);
4. Filing a false or fraudulent report or return with intent to defeat or evade the determination or any amount due under this chapter;
5. Failure to collect a tax or failure to maintain a separate account for the transient lodging tax collected as required by Section 11.403.

(B) Any operator or other person who commits a violation of this subchapter commits an offense that is a violation of this subchapter punishable by

fine in an amount to be fixed by the Administrator, not exceeding \$500 for each separate offense.

(Ord. 1206, Amended, 12/19/2013; Ord. 941, Amended, 02/17/2000; ‘ 90 Code, § 5.50.900, 07/01/1998; Ord. 56, passed, 06/29/1972)







BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 98-84

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR CHAPTER 11, REVENUE  
AND TAXATION, OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CODE

The Board of County Commissioners Finds:

Chapter 11, Revenue and Taxation, of the Multnomah County Code provides that the Board shall establish certain fees and charges by resolution.

THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES:

1. The fees and charges for Chapter 11, Revenue and Taxation, of the Multnomah County Code are set as follows:

Section 11.002. FEES FOR PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS.

The fees for copies of publications and records shall be the actual cost of reproducing the records.

Section 11.003. FEES FOR TAPES AND DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD' S OFFICE.

The fees for duplications of records of the Board shall be the actual cost of reproduction.

Section 11.306: LICENSE REQUIRED (motor vehicle rental license fee).

The motor vehicle rental license fee is \$50.

2. This resolution takes effect on July 1, 1998.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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Beverly Stein, Chair

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