

CHAPTER 74: MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

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Sec. 74.001 Motor vehicle defined.

Whenever the term "motor vehicle" is used in this Chapter, it shall be construed to include automobiles, locomobiles, motor bicycles, tractors, traction engines, and all other vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, and including also vehicles or trailers, or semi-trailers pulled or towed by a motor vehicle, but excluding cars of electric and steam railways and other motor vehicles running only upon fixed rails or tracks, or propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires. (1919 Code, Sec. 315; Ord. 697, J. 4, p. 697, passed 11/9/53)

Sec. 74.005 Operation of motor vehicle; City license required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation residing in the City, to use or cause or permit any of his or its agents or employees to use any wagon or motor vehicle as herein defined upon the streets, avenues or alleys of the City unless such wagon or motor vehicle be licensed as herein-after provided. (1919 Code, Sec. 321; Ord. 697, J. 4, p. 697, passed 11/9/53)

Sec. 74.010 Application for license.

Every owner of motor vehicle that is (a) registered in the City of Highland Park and (b) stored or garaged at any time within the boundaries of the City of Highland Park shall, except as otherwise provided by law, within 10 days after becoming the owner of any motor vehicle file in the office of the Finance Director an application for license, upon form of application provided by the Finance Director, setting forth his name and address, with a brief description of the motor vehicle to be licensed, including, not limited to, the make, model, and color of the motor vehicle, provided that upon any motor vehicle upon which any owner has obtained a license for the preceding year such application shall be made to the Director of Finance each year thereafter as provided in Section 74.015, and every application shall be transmitted to the City Manager and upon payment by the applicant of the license fee hereinafter provided to the City Collector, the City Manager of this City shall issue or cause to be issued a license, attested by the Finance Director, authorizing the use of such motor vehicle within the City until the expiration of such license. (1919 Code, Sec. 322; Ord. --, J. 3, p. 501, passed 12/12/33; Ord. 16-99, J. 25, p. 022, passed 2/8/99; Ord. 14-08, J. 34, p. 021-022, passed 1/28/08)

Sec. 74.015 License fees.

For each 12-month period commencing October 1, 1994, the owner of each such wagon or motor vehicle shall pay an annual license fee in the manner as provided in Section 74.010 to the City in the amounts as follows:

(A) Notwithstanding any provisions of Sections 74.015(B) or 74.015(C) of this Chapter to the contrary, for any motor vehicle that is owned by an active member of the United States military that enlisted in the military while a resident of a State other than Illinois, the license fee shall be in the amount set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution, which fee shall not exceed the actual administrative costs incurred by the City for the printing and issuing of the license sticker. (Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03; **Ord. 50-09, J. 35, p. 166-167, passed 8/24/09**)

(B) Motor vehicles:

(1) Any motor vehicle which has been issued an "MCY" type license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J.20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(2) Automobiles and other motor vehicles used for the transportation of persons, exclusive of trucks, coaches, omnibuses and motor vehicles used for commercial purposes, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution; provided, however, that upon written application from any such vehicle owner whose total household income is not more than the Low Income figures established in the Income Eligibility Rates published by HUD effective July 1, 1979, and as such figures may be revised from time to time, as verified by the previous year's tax return, the City Manager shall authorize a fee at the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution for one vehicle only and in no event shall more than one license be issued per family at such reduced rate. (Ord. 42-01, J. 27, p. 178-181, passed 7/9/01, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(3) Any motor vehicle which has been issued a "B" or "RV" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(4) Any motor vehicle which has been issued a "D" or a "MD" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 35-90, J. 18, p. 381-382, 7/23/90, effective 9/1/90; Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(5) Any motor vehicle which has been issued an "F" or an "MF" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(6) Any motor vehicle which has been issued an "MG" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 35-90, J. 18, p. 381-382, 7/23/90, effective 9/1/90; Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(7) Any motor vehicle which has been issued an "H" or other category of truck license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(8) Any motor vehicle which has been issued an "AV" or other category of antique vehicle license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 35-05, J. 31, p. 131-132, passed 6/13/05)

(9) A self-propelled vehicle operated as a tractor and one semi-trailer shall be considered as one vehicle in computing the above license fees. A semi-trailer used with any device for converting it into a trailer or attached to a leading trailer or semi-trailer shall be licensed as a trailer.

(10) Tractors, traction engines or other similar vehicles, except as otherwise provided by this Chapter, shall pay license fees according to their weight as hereinbefore required.

(11) The owner of any vehicle who sells the same and purchases another vehicle subject to the same or a lesser license fee may purchase a transfer license at the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. If the replacement vehicle is subject to a greater license fee, a transfer license may be purchased at the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution provided that said additional fee may be reduced by 50% if the replacement vehicle was purchased after March 31 of the calendar year. (Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(12) Duplicate licenses to replace those lost or destroyed during the license period may be issued for any vehicle upon payment of a fee at the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 56-79, J. 14, p. 0841, passed 12/3/79; Ord. 30-81, J. 14, p. 1282, passed 10/12/81; Ord. 35-90, J. 18, p. 381-382, 7/23/90, effective 9/1/90, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(C) Trailers: The owner of trailers used with a motor vehicle shall pay to the City Collector for each calendar year additional fees for the use of the streets, avenues and/or alleys of the City at the following rates; provided that no license shall be required for boat trailers and house or camping trailers not used for business or commercial purposes:

(1) Any trailer which has been issued a "TA" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(2) Any trailer which has been issued a "TB" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(3) Any trailer which has been issued a "TC" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(4) Any trailer which has been issued a "TD", "TE", or "TM 14,000" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 35-90, J. 18, p. 381-382, 7/23/90, effective 9/1/90; Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(5) Any trailer which has been issued a "TG" or "TM 20,000" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(6) Any trailer which has been issued a "TK", "TL" or "TM 36,000" license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(7) Any trailer which has been issued any other category of trailer license plate by the State of Illinois, the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 35-90, J. 18, p. 381-382, 7/23/90, effective 9/1/90; Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(D) All such licenses shall expire on the 30th day of September following the date of issue, and the first issue of a license for each wagon or motor vehicle shall be reduced 50% if the wagon or motor vehicle is purchased during the second half of the license period (after March 31), but in no case shall there be a re-issuance of a license for any previously licensed vehicle or trailer for a less sum than is hereby required for a license period.

(E) In lieu of the annual license fees hereinabove required, a person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of new motor vehicle dealer or used motor vehicle dealer may pay a single base annual license fee which shall be applicable to all motor vehicles purchased or otherwise obtained for sale in the usual course of business. Said fee shall be the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution plus the rate set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution for each dealer's registration plate issued to the dealer during the year by the Secretary of State pursuant to Chapter 95-1/2, Article 3-801(k), Illinois Revised Statutes. (Sec. 23, Ord. --, J. 3. p. 501, passed 12/12/33; Ord. 413, J. 4, p.413, passed 4/26/48; Ord. 400, J.4, p. 400, passed 2/16/48; Ord. 454, J. 4, p. 454, passed 11/15/48; Ord. 697, J. 4, p. 697, passed 11/9/53; Ord. 1103, J. 4, p. 1 103, passed 12/22/58; Ord. 60-22, J. 5, p. 234, passed 4/25/60; Ord. 54-62, J. 5, p. 618, passed 8/27/62; Ord. 49-65, J. 6, p. 198, passed 10/11/65; Ord. 43-71, J. 8, p. 410, passed 9/27/71; Ord. 15-74, J-11, p. 464, passed 3/11/74; Ord. 49-82, J. 15, p. 0204, passed 10/25/82; Ord. 36-85, J. 16, p. 206-213, passed 9/23/85; Ord. 40-86, J. 16, p.694-696, passed 10/14/86; Ord. 67-93, J. 20, p. 225-227, passed 12/13/93; Ord. 16-94, J. 21, p. 119-121, passed 3/14/94, Ord. 35-03, J. 29, p. 134, passed 5/27/03)

(F) Any motor vehicle owner that fails to pay the annual license fee by October 1 of each year shall be assessed a late penalty fee in the amount established by the Annual Fee Resolution. (Ord. 28-01, J. 27, p. 104-109, passed 5/14/01)

Sec. 74.020 License number displayed.

Upon the issuance of said license, the City Clerk shall deliver to the applicant a plate, emblem or sticker as designated by the City Council, bearing a number and the name of the class to which such vehicle belongs and the year for which said license is issued, and it shall be the duty of the applicant to permanently affix such plate, emblem or sticker in accordance with the instructions received therewith in a conspicuous place on the left front side of the windshield of such vehicle where it can be readily seen; and it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use or cause to be used any such vehicle upon the streets, avenues, alleys, or public places of the City unless such vehicle is licensed as heretofore provided and unless such plate, emblem or sticker is affixed to said vehicle as herein designated. (1919 Code, Sec. 24; Ord. 176, J. 4, p. 167, passed 10/19/42; Ord. 1102, J. , p. 1102, passed 12/8/58; Ord. 54-62, J. 5, p. 618, passed 8/27/62)

Sec. 74.999 Penalty

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter, upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount set forth in the Annual Fee Resolution for each and every offense, and each day any wagon or vehicle is used upon the streets, avenues or alleys of the City without having procured a license, and without having complied with the provisions of this Chapter shall be considered a separate and distinct offense. Payment shall be made at the Finance Department at City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois.

(1919 Code, Sec. 325; Ord. 275, J. 4, p. 275, passed 4/29/46; Ord. 33-77, J. 13, p. 1904, passed 8/8/77; Ord. 26-90, J. 18, p. 255-257, passed 6/11/90, effective September 1, 1990; Ord. 37-92, J. 19, p. 180, passed 9/14/92; Ord. 39-07, J. 33, p. 239-240, passed 5/14/07)