**City of Montello**

**Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee (Wheel Tax) Frequently Asked Questions**

**The City of Montello has approximately 3,800 eligible vehicles that are registered within the city limits. After factoring out vehicles that are exempt and state processing fees it would raise the available road maintenance funds up $60,000.00. Currently the city has $22,000.00 set in the budget for all paving, sealing, patching pot holes, sign repair and maintenance, shouldering, pavement marking, and sidewalk repair and maintenance. The city has 9.49 miles of local roads to maintain, with today’s pricing to lay 1.5” thick hotmix asphalt on 1 mile of roadway, it would cost the city about $75,000.00 - $80,000.00 just for the blacktop.**

1. **What is the Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee?**

 **It is a $20 fee that is added to the normal state vehicle registration fees. This fee is specifically designated to fund transportation related purposes.**

1. How is the fee collected?

**WisDOT collects the fee at the time of first vehicle registration and at the time of each subsequent registration renewal annually. WisDOT sends vehicle registration renewal notices at least 30 days before the license plates expire. The renewal notice will show the total fee due including the $20.00 wheel tax for each vehicle that is subject to the fee**.

1. Can the revenues received from wheel tax payments be used for any purpose?

**Counties and municipalities must use the moneys from wheel tax payments for transportation related purposes only (s. 341.35(6r), Wis. Stats.). "Highway" is defined by state law to mean “all public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same.” Courts have interpreted "highways" to include trails because they are "public ways and thoroughfares and bridges on the same." "Sidewalk" means that “portion of a highway between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, constructed for use of pedestrians.”**

1. What vehicles are subject to the wheel tax?

**Automobiles or trucks registered under 8,000 lbs gross weight and customarily kept in the City of Montello. This includes:**

**• Automobiles, vans and Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) that qualify as a passenger vehicle,**

**• Trucks and dual-purpose motor homes (trucks that can be equipped with a slide-in camper unit) registered at a gross weight of 8,000 lbs. or less.**

**• “Collector special” plates are issued for any auto or light truck owned by someone who has “Collector” plates and are subject to wheel tax.**

**Read more details on vehicles subject to the wheel tax at** <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/wheeltax.aspx.>

1. What vehicles are exempt from this fee?

**• Buses, motorcycles, mopeds, motor homes, low-speed vehicles and trailers,**

 **• Trucks registered at more than 8,000 pounds or registered as Farm or Dual Purpose Farm,**

**• Vehicles registered as Antique, Collector, Driver Education, Historic Military Vehicle, Hobbyist, Human Service Vehicle, Low Speed Vehicle, Medal of Honor, Municipal, State-Owned or Special X and one vehicle with Ex-Prisoner Of War registration issued to any qualified individual,**

**• Any vehicle with registration issued by a Wisconsin Indian tribe or band,**

**• Vehicles displaying Dealer, Distributor, Finance Company or Manufacturer plates.**

**• “Collector” plates, issued to vehicles more than 20 years old, are non-expiring and exempt from wheel tax.**

1. What will the City of Montello use the Wheel Tax funds for?

 **The budget will be proposed to include an additional $60,000 from Wheel Tax revenue that will be used to increase spending on crack sealing, chip sealing, re-surfacing of streets, street markings, and sign maintenance in the City.**

 **Wheel Tax 10/16/2017**

**Municipalities​ That Have Enacted Wheel Tax**

**Municipality Fee When**

**Appleton, City $ 20**

**Arena (Township) $ 20 Started April, 2015**

**Beloit (City) $ 20**

**Fort Atkinson (City) $ 20 Started with ​March 2016 Registrations**

**Gillett (City) $ 20 Started July 2015**

**Janesville (City) $ 20 Started January 2016​**

**Kaukauna (City) $ 10 Started August 2015**

**Lodi (City) $ 20 Started May 2016**

 **Milton (City) $ 30 Started April, 2017**

**Milwaukee (City) $ 20**

**Platteville (City) $ 20 Started March, 2017**

**Portage (City) $ 20 Started April, 2017**

**Prairie du Sac (Village) $ 20 Started January 2016**

**Sheboygan (City) $ 20 Started February 2016**

**Tigerton (Village) $ 10 Started September 2016**

**Chippewa County $ 10**

**Iowa County $ 20**

 **Marathon County $ 25**

**Milwaukee County $ 30 Starts March, 2017**

**St. Croix County $ 10**

**DOT collects all wheel tax with vehicle registration and distributes to Municipality Less $0.17/registration**