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**Chapter 55.2****VEHICLE LICENSE FEE**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Council of the Town of Middleburg: Art. I, 3-8-1990; Article I rescinded in its entirety 10-23-14 and a new Article I adopted in its stead. Other amendments noted where applicable. Article II adopted 12-13-01; Amended 10-23-14; Chapter 55.1 rescinded in its entirety (9-13-18) effective 11-16-18]**

**§ 55.2-1 Purpose**

It is the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Middleburg to ensure that residents follow the regulations associated with motor vehicles within the Town limits, as allowed under Virginia Code § 46.2-752. The purpose of this Chapter is to identify said regulations related to the payment of vehicle license fees.

**§ 55.2-2 Imposition and Collection of License Fee**

The Town hereby charges an annual license fee on every motor vehicle, except as provided in § 55.2-3 below, registered within the Town of Middleburg's corporate limits. This annual license fee shall be collected on behalf of the Town by the Treasurer of the County of Loudoun, hereinafter known as the County Treasurer, in the same manner as approved for the collection of Loudoun County taxes. For the purposes of this Chapter, the term "motor vehicle" shall include automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, motorcycles, and any other motor vehicle registered in the Town of Middleburg.

**§ 55.2-3 Exemptions to the License Fee**

No such Town motor vehicle license fee shall be imposed on any motor vehicle when it meets the exemptions as identified in Loudoun County Code Section 852.02.

**§ 55.2-4 Fees; Due Date**

- A. The annual fee for a license required under this Article shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) for automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers or any other motor vehicle.

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- B. The license fee for motor vehicles registered in the Town as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year will be due on May 5<sup>th</sup> of that year.

**§ 55.2-5 Refund, Transfer or Proration of Annual Fee**

If a motor vehicle is registered in the Town after January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year, the license fee will not be collected during the first year.

License fees shall not be refundable or transferable and will not be prorated. License fees that are not paid by the May 5<sup>th</sup> deadline will be considered delinquent and collected by the County Treasurer in accordance with the law.

**§ 55.2-6 Fee for Dishonored Payments**

If any check, physical or electronic, credit/debit card transaction, electronic funds transfers or any other means of payment tendered to the County Treasurer on behalf of the Town for fees, penalties, fines or other charges under this Chapter is not paid by the bank, credit/debit card company or financial institution on which it is drawn, because of (a) insufficient funds in the account of the drawer, (b) no account is in the name of the drawer or (c) the account of the drawer is closed and the check or other means of payment is returned to the County Treasurer, unpaid, a forty dollar (\$40) fee shall be added to such amount and shall be in addition to any other penalty provided by law, except the penalty imposed by Virginia Code § 58.1-12. This dishonored payment fee shall be retained by the County Treasurer to cover expenses associated with the dishonored payment and shall not be remitted to the Town Treasurer.

In addition, if any check, physical or electronic, credit/debit card transaction, electronic funds transfers or other means of payment tendered to the County Treasurer on behalf of the Town is not paid by the bank, credit/debit card company or financial institution on which it is drawn, the person for whom such transaction was tendered shall remain liable for the payment of the amount owed, the same as if such check, credit/debit card transaction, electronic funds transfers or other mans of payment had not been tendered.

**§ 55.2-7 Disposition of Revenue**

The revenue derived from all Town motor vehicle license fees collected by the County Treasurer under this Chapter shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Middleburg and the County of Loudoun regarding consolidated tax billing dated March 23, 2018. All license fees shall be paid into the Town treasury and applied to general town purposes.