



# Waxhaw Motor Vehicle Fee | FACTS & FAQ

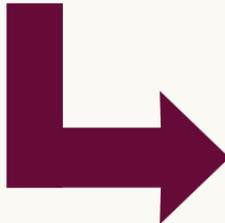
In a town-wide survey, Waxhaw residents indicated they wanted infrastructure improvements and expressed frustration with traffic congestion on Waxhaw roads. To address these important concerns, the Town of Waxhaw will be implementing the \$25.00 Annual Motor Vehicle Fee that the State of NC permits municipalities to collect for use on transportation projects.



- **INSTALLING TRAFFIC LIGHTS & INTERSECTIONS**
- **WIDENING ROADS**
- **ADDING TURN LANES**
- **ALLEVIATING TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

Beginning Summer 2018, motorized vehicles registered in the Town of Waxhaw will be charged a \$25 Motor Vehicle Fee per vehicle each year on the DMV annual registration renewal.

**OVER THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THIS FEE WILL HELP RAISE**



**\$ 304,000**

This revenue will be restricted to be used only on public transportation projects in Waxhaw.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

## *Is this a fee or a tax?*

Typically, the difference between a fee and a tax is that revenue from a fee must be allocated for a specific purpose, while collected taxes can be used for any general purpose. We reference the Motor Vehicle “Fee” because revenue collected will only be used for transportation projects.

## *When will the fee take effect?*

The fee takes effect beginning July 1st, the beginning of the new fiscal year. However, you may not see it enacted until August as there is sometimes a delay in fee changes at the DMV.

## *How will it be collected?*

The new \$25.00 Waxhaw transportation project fee will be added to the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles Annual Registration of each vehicle registered within the Town limits of Waxhaw. The DMV mails each bill about 60 days before a vehicle's annual registration expires. All property taxes for each vehicle, registration fees and all other charges on the renewal notice must be paid to the NCDMV at the same in order to renew each registration.

## *Who will be affected by this fee?*

If you live within the Town of Waxhaw municipal limits and your vehicle is registered with the Town of Waxhaw, the fee will appear on your DMV bill. To find out if your car is registered in Waxhaw, call the Union County Tax Office at (704)283-3848 or search for your vehicle’s address on [www.co.union.nc.us](http://www.co.union.nc.us)

## *Will the fee just keep going up every year?*

If the Town had a public transportation system, such as a bus system, the annual fee could legally be raised to a maximum of \$30.00 per vehicle. However, because the Town of Waxhaw does not have a public transportation system, the state law will not allow the fee to be raised above \$25.00.

## *Can the fee be used for anything?*

While the state law allows up to \$5 of the motor vehicle fee to be used for any lawful purpose, the Town of Waxhaw will require that all revenues collected from this fee be restricted to be used only on Waxhaw public transportation projects.