

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 13-1-15  
OF THE  
HARRISONBURG CITY CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG,  
VIRGINIA:**

That Section 13-1-15 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

**Section 13-1-15. City motor vehicle license.**

There is hereby assessed and charged a license fee, to be paid by the owner, on each motor vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer for which a state license plate is required and which is normally garaged, stored or parked in the City of Harrisonburg, pursuant to Section 46.2-752 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. If it cannot be determined where a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is normally garaged, stored or parked, the situs shall be the domicile of the owner. In the event the owner of a motor vehicle is a full-time student attending an institution of higher education, the situs shall be the domicile of such student, provided the student has presented sufficient evidence that they have paid a personal property tax on the motor vehicle in their domicile. As used in this section, all terms such as motor vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer are as defined in Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

(1) Amount of license fee assessed.

(a) *Passenger vehicle and motor home license fee.*

The motor vehicle license fee shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) per passenger vehicle for all classes of passenger vehicles, except motorcycles and motor driven bicycles.

(b) *Truck license fee.*

(1) The motor vehicle license fee for all vehicles not designed or used for transportation of passengers shall be determined by the gross weight of the vehicles or combination of vehicles of which it is a part, when loaded to maximum capacity for which it is registered or licensed, according to the schedule of fees hereinafter set forth. For each one thousand pounds of gross weight, or fraction thereof for which any such vehicle is licensed, there shall be paid to the city the fee indicated in the following schedule immediately opposite the weight group into which such vehicle or combination of vehicles of which it is registered or licensed.

<i>Gross weight (pounds)</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Fee</i>
0-11,000	\$3.50	\$ 38.50
11,001-12,000	4.00	48.00

12,001-13,000	4.00	52.00
13,001-14,000	4.00	56.00
14,001-15,000	4.00	60.00
15,001-16,000	4.00	64.00
16,001-17,000	4.00	68.00
17,001-18,000	4.00	72.00
18,001-19,000	4.00	76.00
19,001-20,000	4.00	80.00
20,001-21,000	4.00	84.00
21,001-22,000	4.00	88.00
22,001-23,000	4.00	92.00
23,001-24,000	4.00	96.00
24,001-25,000	4.00	100.00
25,001-26,000	4.00	104.00
26,001-27,000	4.00	108.00
27,001-28,000	4.00	112.00
28,001-29,000	4.00	116.00
29,001-30,000	4.00	120.00
30,001 and over	4.00	124.00

(c) *Trailer license fee.*

The vehicle license fee for trailers shall be as follows:

<i>Gross Weight When Loaded To Maximum Capacity</i>	<i>Fee</i>
0-1,500 lbs	\$13.50
1,501-4,000 lbs	\$20.00
4,001 lbs or more	\$33.50

(d) *Bus license fee.*

The vehicle license fee for buses shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) per bus.

(e) *Motorcycle license fee.*

The vehicle license fee for motorcycles and motor driven bicycles shall be thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per motorcycle or motor driven bicycle.

(2) Exemptions.

The license fees assessed by this section shall not apply when:

- (a) A similar tax or fee is imposed by the county, city or town wherein the vehicle is normally garaged, stored or parked;
- (b) The vehicle is owned by a nonresident of the City of Harrisonburg and is used exclusively for pleasure or personal transportation and not for hire or for the conduct of any business or occupation other than that set forth in subparagraph (c) of this subsection (2);
- (c) The vehicle is (i) owned by a nonresident and (ii) used for transporting into and within the locality, for sale in person or by his employees, wood, meats, poultry, fruits, flowers, vegetables, milk, butter, cream or eggs produced or grown by him, and

not purchased by him for sale;

(d) The motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is owned by an officer or employee of the Commonwealth who is a nonresident of the City of Harrisonburg and who uses the vehicle in the performance of his duties for the Commonwealth under an agreement for such use;

(e) The motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is kept by a dealer or manufacturer for sale or for sales demonstration;

(f) The motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer is operated by a common carrier of persons or property operating between cities and towns in the Commonwealth and not in intra-city transportation or between cities or towns on the one hand and points and places outside cities and towns on the other and not in intra-city transportation;

(g) The motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer is inoperable and unlicensed pursuant to Section 46.2-734 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended;

(h) Applicable to only one (1) motor vehicle per veteran, when the motor vehicle is owned and used personally by any veteran who holds a current state motor vehicle registration card establishing that he has received a disabled veteran's exemption from the Department of Motor Vehicles and has been issued a disabled veteran's motor vehicle license plate as prescribed in Section 46.2-739 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended;

(i) The vehicle is a daily rental vehicle, as defined in Section 58.1-2401 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the rental of which is subject to the tax imposed by Section 58.1-2402.A.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended; or

(j) Applicable to only one (1) motor vehicle per volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad member, when the motor vehicle is owned and used personally by an active volunteer fire company member or an active volunteer rescue squad member. To obtain this exemption the chief line officer of the applicant's organization must submit a certified list of those active members in the organization who live in the city and are eligible for this exemption to the treasurer not later than September 1 of each year. An application, completed and signed by each member seeking this exemption, shall accompany the certified list. Applications shall be as approved by the treasurer.

(3) License fee year; billing and collection.

The license fee assessed by this section is assessed for one (1) year without apportionment. The license fee shall be the calendar year. The license fee shall be paid no later than the preceding December 5 or the billing date established for any supplemental personal property tax assessment for personal property that is subject to this license fee. The license fees assessed by this section shall be billed with the personal property taxes assessed on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers and shall be collected by the treasurer.

(4) Members of the armed services; grace period.

Owners or lessees of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers who have served outside of the United States in the armed services of the United States shall have a ninety (90) day grace period, beginning on the date they are no longer serving outside the United States, in which to comply with the requirements of this section. For purposes of this section, the armed services of the United States includes active duty service with the regular Armed Forces of the

United States or the National Guard or other reserve component.

This ordinance shall be effective on the \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2014.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK