

County of Lackawanna

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Ordinance #275
Second Reading
Implementing a County Vehicle Registration Fee

First Reading: December 1, 2021 Second Reading: December 15, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 275

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A FEE FOR LOCAL USE AS PROVIDED FOR BY 75 PA.C.S. §1935, ALLOWING A COUNTY TO IMPOSE A COUNTY FEE OF FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH NONEXEMPT VEHICLE REGISTERED TO AN ADDRESS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY'S POLITICAL BORDER

WHEREAS, Lackawanna County is a Third Class County existing pursuant to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Act 89 of 2013, amending 75 Pa.C.S. §1935, allows all counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at their discretion, to impose a Five (\$5.00) Dollar County fee for each and every non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located within said County; and

WHEREAS, 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 requires each County that elects to implement this fee to pass an Ordinance authorizing the same; and

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2015, 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 authorizes a county to enact an ordinance to levy the county fee; and

WHEREAS, 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 requires the County to notify the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department) on or following the enactment date and at minimum 90 days prior to the effective date of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, upon levy by ordinance of the County and due notice to the Department, 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 directs the Department to collect the county fee at the time of vehicle registration, and to deposit receipts into a Fee for Local Use Fund; and

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WHEREAS, 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 directs that the money paid into the Fee for Local Use Fund shall be distributed by the Department to each participating County, in accordance with the amount collected from said County; and

WHEREAS, funds payable to a County from the Fee for Local Use Fund shall be used by the County for transportation purposes or be allocated by the County to municipalities in the County in accordance with 75 Pa.C.S. §9010(c) (related to the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to impose the Five Dollar (\$5.00) County fee authorized pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 and hereby presents the following Ordinance # 252 for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lackawanna hereby ordains as follows:

- 1. Enacts this Ordinance levying a Five Dollar (\$5.00) County fee pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S. §1935 for each non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located in Lackawanna County;
- 2. If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction; such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
 - 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect Ninety (90) days after enactment as required by law.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County held on December 15, 2021.

COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA

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Approved as to form and legality:

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