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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
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ORDINANCE NO. 66A-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN CHAPTER 11, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS OF ARTICLE IV, VEHICLE LICENSES: SECTION 11-53, PERSONS SUBJECT TO LICENSE TAX; SECTION 11-54, VEHICLES WHICH REQUIRE LICENSE; LICENSE FEES; WHEN LICENSE YEAR BEGINS; SECTION 11-55, ISSUANCE OF LICENSE AND NUMBER DECAL; REQUIRED DISPLAY OF DECAL ON LICENSED VEHICLE; SECTION 11-56, WHEN LICENSE DECALS OFFERED FOR SALE; EXPIRATION OF LICENSE DECALS; SECTION 11-57, WHEN LICENSE FEE PRORATABLE; SECTION 11-59, TRANSFER AND REPLACEMENT FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of James City County that Chapter 11, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of the County of James City be and the same is, hereby, amended and re-ordained by amending the following divisions of Article IV, Vehicle Licenses: Section 11-53, Persons Subject to License Tax; Section 11-54, Vehicles Which Require License; License Fees; When License Year Begins; Section 11-55, Issuance of License and Number Decal; Required Display of Decal on Licensed Vehicles; Section 11-56, When License Decals Offered for Sale; Expiration of License Decals; Section 11-57, When License Fee Proratable; Section 11-59, Transfer and Replacement Fees, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article IV. Vehicle Licenses

Section 11-53, Persons subject to license tax.

Every person living in the County for a period of sixty days or more and owning or having in possession a moter vehicle, as defined in Section 46.1-1 (15) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, including, but not limited to, trailer or semitrailer, and every person owning or having in possession a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorbike, mini-bike, trailer or semitrailer, from other states and using the streets of the County regularly for business purposes shall be subject to the license tax herein provided.

Section 11-54, Vehicles which require license; license fees; when license year begins.

(a) On and after March 1st of each year the owner of each passenger motor vehicle (except motorcycles, motorbikes and mini-bikes), and the owner of each truck, owned or garaged in the County, shall make application to the County Treasurer for a license, and shall pay an annual license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) On and after March 1st of each year the owner of any trailer or semitrailer owned or garaged in the County, shall make application to the County Treasurer for a license, and shall pay an annual license fee of three dollars (\$3.00). This section specifically excludes mobile homes.

(c) On and after March 1st of each year the owner of any motorcycle, motorbike or mini-bike, owned or garaged in the County, shall make application to the County Treasurer for a license, and shall pay an annual fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

Section 11-55, Issuance of license and number decal; required display of decal on licensed vehicle.

Upon payment of license fees as specified in Section 11-54, the County Treasurer shall issue the license and number decal for each vehicle. Such license decal shall be affixed to the windshield under such regulations as are prepared and enforced by the State Police, under authority of the Code of Virginia.

Section 11-56, When license decals offered for sale; expiration of license decals.

The County Treasurer shall place County motor vehicle license decals on sale on the first day of March of each year, for the current license year then beginning. Every license issued hereunder shall expire on the fifteenth day of April of the year following the year for which it was issued unless the fifteenth day of April shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in which instance the license issued hereunder shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Section 11-57, When license fee proratable.

One-half of the annual fee prescribed by this article shall be collected whenever any license is issued during the period beginning on the first day of October and ending on the thirty-first day of December in the same license year; one quarter of the annual fee prescribed by this article shall be collected whenever any license is issued during the period beginning the first day of January and ending on the first day of March in the same license year.

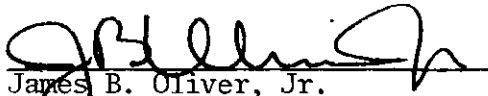
Section 11-59, Transfer and replacement fees.

Vehicle owner shall pay a license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for a license transfer and two dollars (\$2.00) for replacement of a license.



Jack D. Edwards, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, James City County, Virginia
this 26th day of January, 1981.

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 20, 1981

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 11, Motor Vehicle Code

Attached hereto please find a proposed revision to certain sections of the County Code relating to motor vehicles. These amendments were requested by the Treasurer and would have the following effects:

Section 11-53. Broadens the definition of those required to obtain licenses by adopting the definition set forth in the State Code.

Section 11-54 and 11-56. Currently those defined in Section 11-53 are required to secure the County Decal on or after March 15 (decals expire April 15); these revisions will allow residents to purchase the decals on March 1, thus providing an additional two weeks for securing them.

Section 11-55. Technically, the State Police and therefore Inspection Stations, are supposed to insure decals are within one-quarter of an inch of the inspection sticker; the current language requires it to be within one-half inch.

Section 11-57. The current ordinance prorates the fee for six months; the Treasurer recommends the fee be prorated to one-quarter of the original fee for the last three months of the year.

Section 11-59. Transfer and replacement fees are increased to more accurately reflect their actual cost, i.e., the cost of the decal itself.

I recommend the Board to adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Motor Vehicle Code.


Frank M. Morton, III

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