



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	10/09/2019	Department	Other
Agenda Item	4.7 Consider the new law for motor vehicle agent fees		
Est. Cost	n/a		

Background Information	<p>The 129th Legislature- First Session, approved and adopted new public laws and resolves affecting motor vehicles.</p> <p>LD917 Allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and \$4 to \$6 for new registrations.</p> <p>LD1528 allows an out of rotation plate fee to increase from \$15 to \$25, increase the transfer registration fee for a trailer under 2,000 pounds from \$5 to \$8, and increase the duplicate registration fee from \$2 to \$5.</p> <p>The City Council is being asked to consider the approval of these fees as permitted by state statute.</p>
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Requested Action	I move to approve the increase of motor vehicle fees as noted by the passage of LD917 and LD1528 by the 129th Legislature.
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____



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Memo

To: All Municipalities

CC: Stephen Ashcroft, Dir. Vehicle Services; BMV Audit; BMV Municipal & Agent Services; BMV Registrations

From: Valerie Grant, Section Manager

Date: September 16, 2019

Re: New Laws – 129th Legislature, First Regular Session

Public Laws and Resolves Affecting Motor Vehicles
Effective Date is September 19, 2019 unless otherwise noted.
(Processing Information memos will be forthcoming.)

- **PL 2019, Chapter 255 (LD 917), “An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations.”**

This law allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations.

- **PL 2019, Chapter 352 (LD 1528), “An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Fees.”**

This law:

1. Increases the one-time fee for an out-of-rotation registration plate and for a reserved registration number from \$15 to \$25, the same as for a vanity registration plate fee;
2. Increases the registration transfer fee for a trailer under 2,000 pounds from \$5 to \$8, making the fee the same as for other registration transfers;
3. Increases the fee for a duplicate registration certificate from \$2 to \$5

- **PL 2019, Chapter 345 (LD 1627), “An Act To Authorize the Use of Autocycles.”**

This law defines an autocycle as a 3-wheeled motorcycle that has a steering wheel or handlebars, floor pedals for automotive-style controls and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride a seat and establishes provisions for registration and operator licensing.

(Autocycle plates will not be available until December or January)

- **PL 2019, Chapter 390 (LD 1487), “An Act To Exempt Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates from Vehicle Registration Fees.”**

This law exempts a person possessing or applying for a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates from the annual motor vehicle registration fee and title fee.

- **Effective December 1, 2019, the maximum registered gross weight for the following specialty plate classes has been increased from 10,000 lbs. to 26,000 lbs.**

The plate classes to be included are:

Support Animal Welfare (AW)

Maine Black Bears (BB)

Breast Cancer Support Services (BC)

Lobster (LB)

Sportsman (SW)

We Support Our Troops (TS)

University of Maine System (UM)