

RESOLUTION NO. #2021-05
VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

***AN ORDINANCE ENACTING MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
INFRASTRUCTURE FEE***

WHEREAS, the cost of street and transportation construction, maintenance, and improvement is significant to the Village of Port Edwards; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Edwards Finance and Human Resources Committee and Public Works Committee did review funding alternatives to alleviate the costs and inequities associated with direct assessment to abutting property owners, and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Port Edwards Committee's did determine it desirable to enact a Municipal Motor Vehicle Infrastructure Registration Fee to assist in offsetting such costs and inequities of direct assessment to abutting property owners, and;

WHEREAS, this matter having come before the various Village of Port Edwards Committee's, and same having been apprised in the premises, the Village of Port Edwards Committee's and Village Administrator drafted an ordinance establishing a Municipal Motor Vehicle Infrastructure Registration Fee, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Edwards has determined that the public interest would be served by adoption of an ordinance establishing a Municipal Motor Vehicle Infrastructure Registration Fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordained by the Village of Port Edwards Board of Trustees that "NEW" Section 6, 8.07 Public Improvements and Assessments of the Village of Port Edwards Municipal Code is hereby created and enacted as follows:

6. The Village has instituted a Vehicle Registration Infrastructure Fee (wheel tax) starting in January 2022. This will remove all future special assessments and provide a dedicated funding source to continue to maintain and improve existing Village roads. All current special assessments being financed by the Village will continue to be paid on the timeline they agreed to.

a. Definitions. In this section, a "motor vehicle" means an automobile or motor truck registered under State Statutes Section 341.25 (1) (c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds that is registered in this state and customarily kept in the Village of Port Edwards.

b. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the Village of Port Edwards with a source of funds to be used to assist with transportation related purposes.

c. Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Wisconsin Statutes Section 341.35, 2015-2016, as amended from time to time.

d. Annual registration fee. An annual flat city registration fee as set forth herein, in the amount of Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) is hereby imposed on all motor vehicles registered in the State of Wisconsin that are customarily kept in the Village of Port Edwards.

At the time a motor vehicle is first registered and at the time of each registration renewal, the registration applicant shall pay a Village vehicle registration fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35). The Village registration fee shall be paid as provided in Wisconsin Statutes Section 341.35 (5), as amended from time to time. The Village registration fee is in addition to other fees required by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) shall collect the Village registration fee.

e. Exemptions. The following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual vehicle registration fee:

(1) All vehicles exempted by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341 from payment of a state vehicle registration fee.

(2) All vehicles registered by the state under WI Statutes Section 341.26 for a fee of \$5.

(3) No Village vehicle registration fee may be imposed on a motor vehicle which is a replacement for a motor vehicle for which a current county vehicle registration fee has been paid.

f. Administrative costs. The DOT shall retain a portion of the monies collected under this section equal to the actual administrative costs related to the collection of these fees. The method for computing the administrative costs will be reviewed annually by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, as provided in Wisconsin Statutes Section 341.35, 2015-2016, as amended from time to time.

g. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Port Edwards does hereby adopts this resolution;

Adopted the _17 August_, 2021__.

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Joseph Zurfluh, Village President

Diane M. Tremmel, Village Clerk

