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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PennDOT Bulletin

Fee for Local Use

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For Distribution to Appropriate Berks County Officials and Employees

As you know, as of January 1, 2015, counties may pass an ordinance to implement a fee of \$5 for each non-exempt vehicle registered to an address located in that county. The \$5 county fee is collected by PennDOT at the time a vehicle is registered or when registration is renewed. This \$5 county fee is in addition to the registration fee.

Berks County has passed an ordinance implementing the fee, with an effective date of March 1, 2017.

On December 14, 2016, PennDOT updated its motor vehicle system and E-Government website. As a result of these updates, customers with subject vehicles registered in Berks County will be charged the \$5 fee if the customer is renewing a March or later vehicle registration.

Automated registration renewal notices with a March expiration date are being mailed to registrants, and will include the \$5 fee listed for Berks County vehicles, in addition to the registration renewal fee.

If you should receive any calls from county residents asking why they are being charged the \$5 fee for a registration renewal prior to the March 1, 2017 effective date, please confirm the expiration date of their vehicle registration with the resident. Registrations due in March of 2017 and after are required to pay the \$5 fee, even if they renew before the March 1st ordinance effective date since their renewal date falls after the ordinance effective date. In short, please assure the county resident this is not a mistake and simply takes into account that although customers may renew before the effective date of the ordinance, their renewal date falls on or after the effective date of the ordinance.

Residents may contact PennDOT by phone through our Driver and Vehicle Services Customer Call Center at the following numbers:

PA Area Code	800-932-4600
Out-of-State Area Code	717-412-5300
Hearing Impaired (PA Area Code)	800-228-0676 (TDD)
Hearing Impaired (Out-of-State Area Code)	717-412-5380 (TDD)

Customers may also contact PennDOT via our website at www.dmv.pa.gov through the “Contact Us” tab.

Participating counties will also be posted at www.dmv.pa.gov at the “Title and Registration” tab under “Vehicle Services.”