

## CHAPTER 71: LICENSING

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### § 71.01 LICENSE REQUIRED.

(A) For the purpose of this section, "RESIDING OR LOCATED IN THE CITY" shall not be interpreted to include students whose permanent homes are outside the city and who are temporarily residing within the city for the purpose of attending college or school provided such students display on the windshield of their respective motor vehicles under their control an automobile identification sticker issued by the proper official of the college or school being attended. If such identification sticker is not so affixed to the windshield of such students' motor vehicles or vehicles under their control, then, and in such event, the term, "RESIDING OR LOCATED IN THE CITY" shall include students whose permanent address is outside the city but who reside within city for purpose of attending college or school and shall be subject to all the terms, conditions, and penalties contained in this chapter.

(B) It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, individual, corporation, or company residing or located in the city, to use or operate any automobile or motor vehicle for pleasure, hire, or business within the limits of the city, without first having obtained a license from city to use and operate the same, and paying the necessary license fee therefore as hereinafter provided, and at the time of such operating having same permanently displayed in a conspicuous place on the rear or front of the vehicle such license sticker or tag for the current year as shall be delivered with the license by the City Clerk. Such license, and display of evidence thereof, shall also be required of all persons, individuals, corporations, or companies residing or located outside the city limits, and owning and operating, or causing any automobile or motor vehicle to be operated on and over the streets of city, in connection with a business conducted or regular occupation followed within the city limits, or used as a means of conveyance to and from a position, job, or labor in city for which remuneration is received from such business, occupation, or labor in city.

(C) The city will provide to disabled veterans or recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who have been issued a special military-related license plate under KRS 186.041 a city sticker at no charge. Proof of the veteran's disability or proof of medal receipt (DD2-14 form) shall be presented to the City Clerk who will determine eligibility under this subsection.

(D) Any nonresident student of Murray State University or any other nonresident of the city, who is employed in the city either part or full time is required to purchase and display the license sticker herein mentioned. If such nonresident student be not employed in the city either part or full-time he shall not be required to purchase or display such license sticker.

(E) Those persons who have begun employment within the city or who are new residents of the city will be allowed 30 business days in which to purchase a license. If a Notice of Violation is received after the 30-day period, the penalties set forth in § 71.99 will apply.

(Ord. 327, passed 1-16-59; Am. Ord. 372, passed 10-6-61; Am. Ord. 606, passed 7-25-74; Am. Ord. 2002-1271, passed 3-28-02; Am. Ord. 2003-1328, passed 10-7-03) [Penalty, see § 71.99](#)

***Editor's Note:***

*KRS 186.041 has been substantially amended with regard to special military license plates. See that section for current provisions.*

**§ 71.02 APPLICATION; FEES.**

(A) Each and every person, corporation, or company owning or operating a motor vehicle in the city shall immediately on acquiring same, make application to the City Clerk for licensing same, and shall furnish to the City Clerk the name and address of the owner thereof, the name of the motor vehicle, the capacity or tonnage rating thereof, and the number of the current license furnished the owner by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(B) All license fees imposed, levied, and collected from both resident and nonresident owners or operators of automobiles or motor vehicles under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid to and become a part of the general fund, and used for paying the general expenses of maintaining the city government.

(C) The first license required of resident and nonresident owners or operators of motor vehicles under the terms of this chapter shall be effective as of May 1, 1959, and the fees hereinafter set forth shall be due and payable on May 1, 1959, and a like license shall be required as defined in this chapter on May 1 of each year thereafter.

(Ord. 327, passed 1-16-59)

**§ 71.03 LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TAX.**

(A) The license or privilege tax required to be paid under the terms of this chapter is as follows:

(1) For each passenger automobile, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)

(2) For each motor truck or motor truck and trailer with a total tonnage of 1-1/2 ton, or less, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)

(3) For each motor truck or motor truck and trailer with a total tonnage of more than 1-1/2 ton forty dollars (\$40.00)

- (4) For each motorcycle, ten dollars (\$10.00)
- (5) For each motorbike or motorscooter, ten dollars (\$10.00)

(B) The City Clerk is authorized, empowered, and directed to collect the license tax provided for herein, which tax shall be due and payable on May 1 in each year hereafter. If such license tax be paid by May 31 in each year, there will be no penalty. If such license tax be not paid until the period of June 1 through June 30, there shall be added thereto a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the license tax. If such license tax be not paid until July 1 or thereafter, there shall be added thereto a penalty of one hundred percent (100%) of the license tax. The aforesaid penalties shall be in addition to the required tax and the City Clerk is directed and required hereby to collect same.

(C) The owner or operator of any motor truck or motor vehicle herein referred to and defined shall, on request, furnish to the City Clerk satisfactory evidence, under oath if required, as to the capacity of such motor truck or vehicle.

(D) Any individual residing outside the employed by a company or corporation located in the city as an over-the-road truck driver operating Class 8 (semi-tractor/trailer) equipment, whose duty hours of service and safety performance is regulated by the United States Department of Transportation, and who operates a personal vehicle within the city for the sole purpose of parking said vehicle for extended periods of time on the employer's property while operating the employer's equipment in interstate commerce shall not be required to purchase or display a license sticker. This exclusion does not include individuals employed as drivers who report for duty at the employer's business located within the city on a daily basis.

(Ord. 327, passed 1-16-59; Am. Ord. 676, passed 12-28-78; Am. Ord. 733, passed 4-23-81; Am. Ord. 88-867, passed 3-28-88; Am. Ord. 96-1078, passed 8-22-96)

#### **§ 71.04 PRO RATA TAX; TRANSFERS.**

(A) Any person, corporation, or company acquiring an automobile or motor vehicle herein mentioned after May 1 of each year hereafter shall immediately pay to the City Clerk the pro rata portion of the license tax for the tax year in which the vehicle was acquired. Possession of a state license or license tag shall be constructive evidence of ownership and operation of any vehicle coming under the provisions of this chapter.

(B) When any motor vehicle for which a license has been issued changes ownership, the license sticker shall be removed from the vehicle being sold. On presentation to the City Clerk of the removed license sticker or enough thereof to reveal the number thereon, the City Clerk shall forthwith issue to the person who originally purchased the license sticker a duplicate sticker which may be placed on any replacement vehicle owned by the licensee. The City Clerk shall charge a fee of \$1 for such services.

(Ord. 327, passed 1-16-59; Am. Ord. 366, passed 4-21-61)

#### **§ 71.99 PENALTY.**

For those persons failing to comply with the requirements of Chapter 71 and who receive a Notice of Violation, a penalty of \$10 is imposed if the Notice of Violation is presented to the City Clerk's Office

within ten business days of the issuance. If the Notice of Violation is presented to the City Clerk's Office after ten business days, then the penalty will be \$50. This penalty shall be in addition to other penalties imposed by Chapter 71.

(Ord. 88-867, passed 3-28-88; Am. Ord. 2001-1249, passed 6-28-01; Am. Ord. 2003-1328, passed 10-7-03)

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