

INTRODUCED: March 4, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-055

To amend City Code §§ 26-977 (concerning vehicle license fees for motor vehicles) and 26-978 (concerning vehicle license fees for motorcycles) for the purpose of providing that such license fees shall be equal to the equivalent fee imposed by Va. Code § 46.2-694, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by repealing the fees set forth therein for City Code §§ 26-977 and 26-978.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: APR 11 2016 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That sections 26-977 and 26-978 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and are hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

**Sec. 26-977. Same—Vehicle license fees.**

(a) Every automobile designed and used in the transportation of passengers operated on the City streets in the business or for the private use or benefit of the owner thereof, the weight of which is 4,000 pounds or less, which weight shall be determined in the same manner as provided in State law for assessing the annual registration fee for such vehicle, shall be subject

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to a vehicle license fee [~~as set forth in Appendix A to this Code~~] in an amount equal to the equivalent fee imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia under Code of Virginia, § 46.2-694.

(b) Every automobile designed and used in the transportation of passengers operated on the City streets in the business or for the private use or benefit of the owner thereof, the weight of which is in excess of 4,000 pounds, which weight shall be determined in the same manner as provided in State law for assessing the annual registration fee for such vehicle, shall be subject to a vehicle license fee [~~of as set forth in Appendix A to this Code~~] in an amount equal to the equivalent fee imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia under Code of Virginia, § 46.2-694.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the payment of a license fee on automobiles exclusively employed in transporting fuel, provisions, manure or other things to be used only at the owner's farm or dwelling; nor by persons who do not actually reside in the City and who do not use their automobiles in the City in the conduct of their business, occupation or profession. The term "reside," as used in this subsection, shall be construed to mean "to have a place of abode in the City," irrespective of the intention of any person to return to some other residence outside of the City at some future time.

(d) Effective January 1, 2006, the vehicle license fee period shall be on a calendar year basis. This change is applicable for any vehicle identified in Sections 26-885 through 26-889 and Sections 26-976 through 26-979. For each vehicle registered with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles on or before December 31, 2005, and on which the City has received the payment of the City license fee for the period ending April 30, 2006, the 2006 license fee will be adjusted effective January 1, 2006, to properly reflect payment of the license fee for the period May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. Vehicles that were garaged or parked in the City at any time from January 1 through June 30 of each calendar year shall be billed for the full amount of the appropriate

vehicle license fee. Any vehicles garaged or parked in the City at any time after June 30 of each calendar year shall be billed for one-half of the appropriate vehicle license fee.

**Sec. 26-978. Same—Motorcycles.**

(a) Every person operating a motorcycle or causing a motorcycle to be operated on the City streets in the business or for the private use or benefit of the owner thereof shall pay a vehicle license fee for each motorcycle ~~[of as set forth in Appendix A to this Code]~~ in an amount equal to the equivalent fee imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia under Code of Virginia, § 46.2-694.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the payment of a vehicle license fee on a motorcycle exclusively employed in transporting fuel, provisions or other things to be used only at the owner’s farm or dwelling; nor to a motorcycle operated and owned by a person who does not actually reside in the City and who does not operate the motorcycle in the City in the conduct of such person’s business, occupation or profession.

§ 2. That Appendix A of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **repealing** the enumerated fees for sections 26-977 and 26-978 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) as follows:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Fee</i>
<del>[26-977(a)]</del>	<del>[Annual registration fee for automobile weighing 4,000 pounds or less]</del>	<del>[\$23.00]</del>
<del>[26-977(b)]</del>	<del>[Annual registration fee for automobile weighing in excess of 4,000 pounds]</del>	<del>[\$28.00]</del>
<del>[26-978(a)]</del>	<del>[License fee for motorcycle]</del>	<del>[\$15.00]</del>

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect as of July 1, 2016.