

ORDINANCE 2005- 13

An Ordinance to Amend Monroe County's Excise Surtax and Wheel Tax

WHEREAS, IC 6-3.5-4-2 authorizes the County Council to impose, by ordinance, a local option annual Excise Surtax of not less than 2% (two percent) or more than 10% (ten percent) or at a specific amount of at least \$7.50 (seven dollars fifty cents) and not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) on each motor vehicle registered in the County and subject to the annual excise tax; and,

WHEREAS, IC 6-3.5-5-2 authorizes the County Council to impose, by ordinance, a local option annual Wheel Tax of Not less than \$5.00 (Five Dollars) nor more than \$40.00 (Forty Dollars) on each of 6 (six) classifications of motor vehicles, not subject to the excise tax, registered in the County; and,

WHEREAS, IC 6-3.5-4 & 5 require that the local option Excise Surtax and local option Wheel Tax be imposed concurrently; and,

WHEREAS, Monroe County desires additional funds to support the safe, all-weather operation of the road and street system in Monroe County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONROE COUNTY INDIANA, THAT

1. All passenger vehicles, trucks with a declared gross weight that does not exceed 11,000 pounds and all motorcycles, registered in Monroe County, that are now subject to an excise tax (in lieu of property tax) shall continue to be subject to an annual excise surtax; however, beginning January 1, 2006, the excise tax for all such vehicles shall be a flat fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be paid with the registration of said motor vehicles.
2. Beginning January 1, 2006, all of the following six classes of motor vehicles, registered in Monroe County, shall be subject to an annual, increased Wheel Tax as set out in the following schedule, to be paid with the registration of said motor vehicles:

<u>Motor Vehicle Classification</u>	<u>Annual Wheel Tax</u>
(a) Buses	\$40.00
(b) Recreation Vehicles	\$40.00
(c) Semitrailers	\$40.00
(d) Tractors	\$40.00
(e) Light trailers (those that haul 3,000 pounds or less)	\$10.00
(f) Heavy trailers (those that haul more than 3,000 pounds)	\$40.00
(g) Trucks (both heavy and light)	\$40.00

As provided by IC 6-3.5-5-4, the following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual Wheel Tax:

- ◆ vehicles owned by the state, a state agency or a political subdivision,

- ◆ buses owned and operated by a religious or non-profit youth organization and used to haul persons to religious services or for the benefit of their members,
- ◆ vehicles subject to the annual excise surtax imposed under IC 6-3.5-5-4

3. All of the Excise Surtax and Wheel Tax collected on motor vehicles registered in Monroe County shall be distributed, as provided in IC 6-3.5-4 and 5, to the County, City and Town Units of Monroe County by the County Auditor and shall be used only to construct, reconstruct, repair, or maintain streets and roads under their jurisdiction.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2005.

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*This ordinance was signed and approved 5 – 2, dated June 14, 2005. For a signed copy of the ordinance please visit the Monroe County Auditor’s Office.