

VILLAGE OF LOMIRA VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE (WHEEL TAX)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. What vehicles does the wheel tax apply to?

Answer: Automobiles and trucks registered under 8,000 lbs. gross weight and primarily kept in the Village of Lomira. This includes:

- Automobiles vans, sport utility vehicles that qualify as a passenger vehicle
- Trucks and dual-purpose motor homes (trucks that can be equipped with a slide-in camper unit) registered at a gross weight of 8,000 lbs or less
- Vehicles with the following license plate types:
 - AUT – Automobile and passenger vehicles. Driver Ed vehicles are exempt from the wheel tax
 - LTK – Light Truck. Dual-purpose farm trucks are exempt from the wheel tax

Q2. What vehicles are exempt from the wheel tax?

Answer:

- Buses, motorcycles, mopeds, motor homes, low-speed vehicles and trailers
- Trucks registered at more than 8,000 lbs or registered at Farm or Dual Purpose Farm
- Vehicles registered as Antique, Collector, Driver Education, Historic Military vehicle, Hobbyist, Human Service Vehicle, Low-Speed vehicle, Medal of Honor, Municipal, State-owned, Special X and one vehicle with Ex-Prisoner of War registration issued to any qualified individual
- Any vehicle with registration issued by a Wisconsin Indian Tribe or Band
- Vehicles displaying Dealer, Distributor, Finance company or Manufacturer plates

Q3. What determines whether a vehicle is customarily kept in the Village of Lomira?

Answer: Applications for original title and registration request the Village where a vehicle is “customarily kept.” This information also prints on the registration renewal notice. Renewal notices instruct the customer to change their address, or where the vehicle is customarily kept, if incorrectly shown on the notice.

The absence of an indicated municipality, the owner or lessee’s post office address is used to determine the municipality, per administrative rule Tran 126.01(c).

Per WI Stats 341.60, any person who gives false address or location where a vehicle is customarily kept in the application for registration may be fined not more than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

Q4. Are estimates of the number of vehicles subject to wheel tax within the Village available?

Answer: Yes. Current vehicle data is available at the end of the fiscal and calendar year. The vehicles eligible for wheel tax report is available on the WisDOT website at “Lists of vehicle information.”

Q5. What are the administrative costs associated with a wheel tax?

Answer: Currently, the WI DOT charges a fee per vehicle application of 17 cents. The administrative fee is the same for all municipalities regardless of the amount of the fee imposed by the municipality or the number of vehicles for which the fee is collected.

Q6. How long after enactment can this fee be collected by WI DOT?

Answer: WI DOT requires notification of at least 90 days prior to the first day of the month in which the amendment is effective. When a wheel tax ordinance is implemented, collection for vehicles subject to the fee will begin on these dates:

- Renewal of current registrations expiring the first day of the month or later
- Issuance of a new registration with a date of operation or dealer delivery date on the second day of the month or later

Q7. What are the revenues of the wheel tax used for?

Answer: The revenues of the wheel tax are for transportation related purposes only, per WI Stats 341.35(6r). The Village will use the wheel tax funds to repair and reconstruct Village roads; refer to the Village of Lomira five-year road plan.

Q8. Why don't large trucks have to pay the wheel tax?

Answer: Large trucks such as dump trucks pay a much higher registration and user fees. For example, an average dump truck pays approximately \$1,900-\$2,000 in fees plus the cost of the fuel tax.

Q9. How long will the wheel tax be in effect?

Answer: The wheel tax will be implemented via ordinance if passed by the Board. The ordinance does not supply a sunset date, however, the ordinance can be amended when the Board sees fit.