AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR EVERY MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, TRAILER OR SEMI-TRAILER TO DISPLAY A TOWN DECAL.

ARTICLE II. - TOWN VEHICLE LICENSE^[2]

• Sec. 70-35. - Required.

(a)

Except as provided in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-755 and this article, every motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer normally garaged, stored or parked within the town shall be required to display a town decal for each such motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer.

(b)

If it cannot be determined where such personal property is normally garaged, stored or parked, then the town license tax shall be imposed upon such personal property if the owner thereof is domiciled in the town. If the owner of the motor vehicle is a full-time student attending an institution of higher education, the situs shall be the domicile of such student, provided the student has presented sufficient evidence that he has paid a personal property tax on the motor vehicle in his domicile.

(c)

Residents of the town who are police officers, active members of the town volunteer fire department and salaried firefighters or emergency medical technicians, may be issued annually one town decal without charge by the town. The chief executive officer of the organizations will execute and provide to the town manager a roster of the organization's members and their residence addresses on or before March 15 of each year on a form provided by the town manager. The town manager shall retain the executed form in his records. The vehicle which will display a decal provided by this section must be registered in the name of the recipient of the decal. Persons who are members of both organizations will not be issued, without charge, more than one decal per year.

(Code 1980, § 13-20; Code 1997, § 70-41; Ord. of 12-10-1990(1), § 13-20)

State Law reference Exemptions and limitations, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-752(A).

Sec. 70-36. - Persons and vehicles exempted by federal or state law.

Nothing in this article shall be construed to impose a town vehicle license tax upon any person who, by federal or state law, is exempted from the payment of such tax, or to require any vehicle to have affixed thereto a town vehicle decal when such vehicle is exempted by federal or state law from the licensing thereof by the town.

(Code 1980, § 13-21; Code 1997, § 70-42)

- Sec. 70-37. - Fees; proration.

(a)

The fee for each decal shall be:

Cars and trucks	\$30.00
Motorcycles	\$10.00

Trailers and campers	\$10.00
Transfer of decal	\$1.00
Duplicate decal	\$1.00

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(b)

On and after October 1 of any license year, the fee will be one-half of the above rates. (Code 1980, § 13-22; Code 1997, § 70-43; Ord. of 11-9-1987; Mo. of 6-11-2001; Ord. of 6-11-2012)

Sec. 70-38. - License year.

The license year shall begin April 1 and end March 31 of each year; provided, that expired decals may be used for 15 days after the beginning of the new license year and new decals may be used from and after March 15 before the beginning of the license year.

(Code 1980, § 13-23; Code 1997, § 70-44)

Sec. 70-39. - Registration and issuance.

Each person required by <u>section 70-35</u> to obtain a town decal shall obtain it at the town business office upon presentation of a current state motor vehicle registration card and registering with the town the make, year, identification number, current state license number and proof by paid receipt that all town personal property taxes have been paid on such motor vehicle, motorcycle or trailer.

(Code 1980, § 13-24; Code 1997, § 70-45)

State Law reference Authority to require certain taxes to be paid, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-752(C).

Sec. 70-40. - Display of town decals.

The town decal shall be placed on the windshield of the vehicle for which the decal was purchased at a location designated by the superintendent of the department of state police of the Commonwealth. Decals shall be affixed at visible conspicuous locations on trailers and motorcycles. Decals must be affixed and displayed from the date of purchase and throughout the current license year. Expired decals shall be removed upon expiration.

(Code 1980, § 13-25; Code 1997, § 70-46; Ord. of 12-10-1990(2), § 13-25)

State Law reference — Location of local vehicle sticker or decal, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1052; use of old license plates on another vehicle, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-1543.

Sec. 70-41. - Replacement of lost, damaged or mutilated decals.

When claim is made for a lost, damaged or mutilated town decal purchased pursuant to this article, the town manager shall, if satisfied of such loss or damage, issue a replacement decal, upon payment of a duplicate fee as stated in section 70-37.

(Code 1980, § 13-26; Code 1997, § 70-47)

• Sec. 70-42. - Violations; penalties.

Any person owning a motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer which is normally garaged, stored or parked within the town, or any owner of such personal property as to which it cannot be determined where it is normally garaged, stored or parked and which owner is domiciled in town, or any such owner who is a full-time student attending an institution of higher education, which vehicle does not have affixed thereto a currently valid town decal, shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

(Code 1980, § 13-27; Code 1997, § 70-48; Ord. of 1-11-1988, § 13-27)

State Law reference — Penalty for violation, Code of Virginia, § 46.2-752(K).