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# **Wheelage Tax in Kanabec County**

## ***What is a "Wheelage Tax"?***

It is a tax added to your current vehicle registration fee (license plate tabs) that is paid to the county to provide funding for transportation needs.

The Kanabec County Board of Commissioners approved collection of the wheelage tax beginning in 2014.

## ***How much is it?***

Current Minnesota law (MN 163.051) allows \$10 per registered vehicle. Trailers and motorcycles are exempt from this tax.



## ***How much money will it generate?***

A \$10 wheelage tax is estimated to generate \$150,000 a year for funding transportation needs in Kanabec County. The County Board approved implementation of the wheelage tax instead of raising additional property taxes to fund the needed transportation projects.

## ***What can the money be used for?***

Transportation needs including highway preservation projects and improvements and expansion projects.



## ***Why is a wheelage tax needed in Kanabec County?***

The Kanabec County Public Works Department has identified a shortfall for transportation funding of nearly \$1.4 million per year, and the cost of building and maintaining roads continues to rise.

## ***Are other counties implementing a wheelage tax?***

Nearly half of Minnesota's counties have implemented a wheelage tax.

## ***If I live in Kanabec County, but work and/or use my vehicle in other counties, do I still have to pay the wheelage tax ?***

Yes. Each vehicle that is kept in Kanabec County when not in use is subject to the tax.

Only if you own a vehicle that is kept year-round outside of Kanabec County, will that vehicle not be required to pay the wheelage tax to Kanabec County.

However, as the owner of the vehicle, you would be required to pay the wheelage tax to the county it is kept in, if that county has also implemented a wheelage tax.



*Currently, Kanabec County receives only a small portion from each motor vehicle registration tab renewal. Of the \$10 wheelage tax revenue, approximately \$9.90 goes directly to local transportation needs.*