

CONGRATS ON GETTING A CAR!

Welcome to the Jackson County Assessment Department! We are here to make sure all personal property (cars, boats, etc.) are declared for property tax purposes.

If you have a question for our office, feel free to give us a call or send us an email. We are here to help you!

So, I just got my first car.

Congrats! I guess you need a waiver then, right?

Umm...maybe?

If you're reading this, congratulations. You've entered the world of assessment.

Here in Missouri we have personal property assessment and tax. This is an annual tax on things like cars, boats, trailers, etc., determined by the value of the property. This is based on what you owned January 1 of the tax year.

Since this is your first car, chances are you didn't have a vehicle January 1 of the last few years, so you did not have a tax bill.

The DMV (aka License Bureau) is the place you go to register your car and put tags on it. They collect sales tax when you first buy a car, but they *do not collect* personal property taxes. Since they're not the people responsible for collecting personal property tax, they need some sort of proof that you don't currently owe any personal property taxes. "But this is my first car!" you say, and you're right. Our job in the Jackson County Assessment Department is to make sure that you don't have any tax liability from vehicles that you may have been co-titled on, or anything else like that.

Once we're sure that you don't owe any taxes anywhere, we can issue what's called a waiver, also known as a "Statement of Non-Assessment" if you're feeling fancy.

Great, so can I have the waiver now?

Almost!

These waivers are vehicle specific, so we must see the title, title receipt or registration. These papers show that you agreed to own this specific vehicle as of a certain date. We're looking for your signature, the seller's signature, the date of sale (even if it's a gift), and the vehicle information (year, make, model and VIN).

Flip the page!



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OR

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LOCAL LICENSE BUREAUS

<https://dor.mo.gov/license-office-locator/>

Grandview

1200 Main Street
Grandview, MO 64030

Independence

16643 E. 23rd Street
Independence, MO 64055

Kansas City

1161 Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64106

Sugar Creek

521 S. Sterling Avenue
Sugar Creek, MO 64054

If you are anything like us, you probably have more questions.

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We are always happy to help.

Once you have your waiver, you're good to go, as far as our office is concerned! Take that waiver to the DMV (along with your proof of insurance and whatever else they ask for) and get your tags. The next time you hear anything about personal property taxes will be the following January when we send out the Assessment Lists (aka Declaration).

The declarations are the forms the Assessment Department uses to find out what you owned January 1. Even if nothing has changed, be sure to always fill it out and turn it in so you stay up to date and don't get charged a late filing fee. If the Assessment Department doesn't receive the list back, a bill won't be created, and while not getting a bill sounds great in theory, the next time you go to renew tags you'll have to provide proof that you've paid your taxes and you'll have a bunch of ugly late fees.

Is there a calendar to keep all of this straight?

Sure, check this out.

SUPER SIMPLE CALENDAR

You pay taxes by the last day of the year for whatever you owned on the first day of the year.

That seems a little too simple.

Fair enough.

SLIGHTLY MORE DETAILED CALENDAR

January 1

Whatever you own this day is what you'll pay taxes for. Personal Property taxes aren't prorated, which means that *even if your car explodes into a million pieces January 2, you'll still pay taxes on it for the full year*. However, this also means that if you buy a car after January 1, you won't pay personal property taxes on it until the end of the next year!

March 1

Your Declaration is due back. Haven't got one yet? Call 816-881-1330 to ask us to send you information to complete it online.

May 1

The late filing fee will be added to your account if we did not receive your declaration **BEFORE** May 1.

November

The Collection Department starts sending out billing statements. If you don't have one by Thanksgiving, give them a call at 816-881-3232.

December 31

Taxes are due! Remember, you can always pay online! Don't leave things to the last minute. You never know what could come up if you wait until the last minute.

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