

**CHAPTER 3**  
**VEHICLE LICENSES**

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**§9-3-1: DEFINITION:**

Whenever the term “motor vehicle” or “vehicle” is used in this Chapter, it shall be construed to mean automobiles and trucks, and motorcycles. (Ord. 2003-026, 12-15-2003)

**§9-3-2: LICENSE REQUIRED; FEES AND LATE CHARGES:**

(A) License Required:

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, residing within the corporate limits of the Village, to use or to cause or permit any of his or her agents or employees to use such motor vehicle along, upon and over the public roads, streets, or highways within the Village unless the same is licensed as provided in this Chapter.
2. All motor vehicles for which a license is required by this Chapter, not owned by persons residing in the Village, but leased by a person residing in the Village, are hereby declared to be within and subject to the provisions of this Chapter, if driven and/or operated over the public roads, streets, highways, or alleys of the Village.
3. Notwithstanding the fact that a motor vehicle may be validly registered in another municipality or has a current vehicle license from a municipality displayed on the motor vehicle, a Tower Lakes vehicle license shall still be required, consistent with the provisions of this Chapter. (Ord. 2003-026, 12-15-2003)

(B) Fees and Late Charges:

1. For each license year beginning July 1, 2005, every owner or operator of any motor vehicle residing in the Village who operates said motor vehicle on any public road, street or highway within the Village shall, prior to September 1 of each such license year, secure the license provided for herein, and each said license shall thereafter be valid for the period from July 1 through the following June 30. The annual fee to be paid to the Village Collector for vehicle licenses in license years beginning on July 1, 2005, and thereafter shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00), except as provided below.

2. In the event a license applicant fails to pay said license fee on or before September 1 of each license year thereafter or on or before sixty (60) days after the purchase of a vehicle or on or before sixty (60) days after establishing a residence within the Village, based upon the submission of reasonable evidence thereof to the Village Clerk, the applicant shall thereafter be required to pay to the Village Collector, in addition to said license fee, a late charge equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the license fee as established by this section at the time of obtaining said license.
3. In the event a license applicant fails to pay said license fee on or before October 1 of each license year or on or before ninety (90) days after the purchase of a vehicle or on or before ninety (90) days after establishing a residence within the Village, based upon the submission of reasonable evidence thereof to the Village Clerk, the applicant shall thereafter pay to the Village Collector, in addition to said license fee, a late charge of ninety dollars (\$90.00) at the time of obtaining said license. (Ord. 2005-203, 4-18-2005)
4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter to the contrary, any person required to obtain a vehicle license pursuant to this Chapter shall pay only fifty percent (50%) of the license fee specified in subsection (B)1 of this Section if such person obtaining such vehicle license is a senior citizen, i.e., a resident of the Village who is sixty two (62) years of age or older. However, such senior citizen reduced rate shall only apply to two (2) vehicles per household, and other vehicles registered to the same address or to persons residing in that same household shall be licensed at the full rate according to subsection (B)1 of this Section.

(Ord. 2003-026, 12-15-2003)

**§9-3-3: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE:**

Every owner or operator required to secure a motor vehicle license as provided in this Chapter shall file an application with the Village Clerk, upon a form provided by the Village Clerk, setting forth the name and address of the applicant, the Illinois vehicle registration number, the vehicle identification number, a description of the motor vehicle and such other information relative thereto required by the Chief of Police. (Ord. 2003-026, 12-15-2003)

**§9-3-4: LICENSE STICKERS:**

Every owner or operator required to have a motor vehicle license herein shall receive at the time of the payment of the fee, a Village license sticker. Said sticker shall be displayed and attached to the front windshield of the motor vehicle for which it is issued. (Ord. 2007-007, 5-21-2007)

**§9-3-5: REPLACEMENT OF STICKERS LOST, MUTILATED, OR DESTROYED:**

In the event that any person to whom a vehicle license has been issued loses the sticker issued by the Village or in the event that such sticker is destroyed or mutilated, such person may receive a new sticker, at a cost of twenty five dollars (\$25.00), upon providing to the Village Clerk satisfactory evidence of the loss or destruction of such sticker. (Ord. 2007-007, 5-21-2007)

**§9-3-6: DISPOSITION OF REVENUES:**

All revenues derived from vehicle license fees shall be used for paying the cost and expense of repairs, improvements, and maintenance of Village roads, streets, alleys, and other Village rights-of-way. (Ord. 2003-026, 12-15-2003)

**§9-3-7: PENALTY:**

Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be fined not less than one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. 2005-203, 4-18-2005)