

# On The Record

## Oregon expands historic transportation investment with 3% vehicle fee increase

SALEM—Oregonians will see fees rise about 3% when they renew their vehicle tags, get a trip permit or apply for a vehicle title next year.

The fee increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2022, and is the third of four scheduled fee changes under Oregon's historic House Bill 2017 transportation investment package. The final fee increase will start in January 2024.

Residents across the state are already seeing improvements funded by these fees. This includes hundreds of millions in improved city streets, updated sidewalks and bicycle routes in school neighborhoods, reinforced bridges and roadways to withstand earthquakes and much more.

DMV is starting to mail vehicle registration renewal reminders with the updated fees for tags ex-

piring after the first of the year. If your tags expire in January or later, you will need to pay the new fee even if you renew before the end of 2021 — whether online, by mail or in person.

### Common fees included

The vehicle fees most Oregonians are familiar with are passenger car registration and titles.

Under Keep Oregon Moving, passenger car tags and title fees are based on a vehicle's fuel efficiency rating. Drivers of electric vehicles or vehicles that are rated at more than 40 mpg can pay the full fee for two or four years up front, or they can pay a lower fee and a monthly per-mile charge for miles driven in Oregon if they join OREGO at [www.myorego.org](http://www.myorego.org).

Passenger vehicle registration fees cover two-year periods, ex-

cept for new vehicles, which begin with a four-year registration.

### A glimpse of what your fees are supporting

- **Creating safe routes to school** — This program makes improvements around schools so that students can walk, bike and roll safely. One factor in choosing projects to fund is that the school serves low-income or disadvantaged populations. See this program in action in the Willamette Valley community of Gervais.

- **Preparing for earthquakes** — Reinforcing key bridges and slopes in Southern Oregon is one of many projects across the state to keep people and freight moving after a major

- **Reducing congestion** — The Urban Mobility Office is focused on reducing bottlenecks in the

Portland metro area, which impacts the movement of Oregon's goods from all over the state. Work will improve the busy Rose Quarter area and the bridge connecting Oregon and Washington.

- **Improving city streets** — The Small City Allotment program allows communities to update their local streets. This fall, small cities around the state are receiving \$5.1 million in funding after the Small City Allotment Advisory Committee unanimously approved the latest round of recommendations in the 2022 Small City Allotment program.

### More ways than ever to get DMV services

DMV is continuing to expand services and increase choices for Oregonians who need services — online, by appointment and rising

availability of standby service if you walk in.

First, check [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](http://DMV2U.Oregon.gov) to see if you can get what you need online. DMV has added over 20 services online in the past couple years at [DMV2U](http://DMV2U).

### Consider Real ID option

If you travel by air or might in the future, consider getting the Real ID option next time you visit DMV. Starting in May 2023, you will need a Real ID-compliant form of identification at airport security checkpoints for all flights.

You will need to visit a DMV office in person and bring more than your current license, permit or ID card in order to add the Real ID option to your card. Before you go to DMV, create your own checklist of documents you'll need to qualify at [Oregon.gov/RealID](http://Oregon.gov/RealID).

## Help with Medicare Open Enrollment

Open enrollment has begun for Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. Medicare plans and coverage for prescription drugs change each year, so it is important for Oregonians who are enrolled in Medicare to evaluate their plan options and make changes during open enrollment. Enrollment for the 2022 Medicare plan year is until Dec. 7, 2021.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)

is available to help Oregonians understand their Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance, and answer any questions related to Medicare benefits.

Local SHIBA counselors are available to help and can be found by visiting [SHIBA.Oregon.gov](http://SHIBA.Oregon.gov) or calling 800-722-4134 (toll-free).

To accommodate COVID-19 safety precautions, SHIBA counselors are providing telephone and limited in-person support.

## FEMA, OHA continue mobile vaccine unit at Florence Events Center

The Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., will host the FEMA mobile vaccination unit through Sunday, Nov. 14. The clinic will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day and is organized by the Oregon Health Authority.

The City of Florence has posted the details from OHA to [www.eventcenter.org/general/page/drive-thru-free-covid-testing-vaccinations](http://www.eventcenter.org/general/page/drive-thru-free-covid-testing-vaccinations).

The Mobile Vaccination Unit has been making the rounds across the state bringing vaccines free of charge to everyone who is

eligible. It comes courtesy of FEMA, which responded to OHA's request for assistance to establish and support the unit. The federal agency also provides personnel, financial assistance, equipment and supplies.

The bus most recently pulled into Jackson County where, in just two hours, more than 100 people received vaccines.

"We've certainly seen a lot of folks who are scared of needles," said Chris Rushing, OHA field operations manager and FEMA liaison. "I had one lady that

just said, 'Hey will you hold my hand while I get the vaccination.' So, I held her hand. It went great. There are a lot of stories like that. We certainly have a lot of instances of people wanting to get the information, then going home to think about it and coming back on another day. That's really what we want—for people to make educated decisions about what is right for them."

Find information on the mobile vaccination unit from OHA at [covidblog.oregon.gov/mobile-vac-](http://covidblog.oregon.gov/mobile-vac)

ination-unit-gives-people-easy-access-information-and-support/.

- Everyone in Oregon 12 and older is eligible

- The vaccine is free to anyone who is eligible

- No ID is necessary

- No appointment is necessary

Individuals can visit <https://getvaccinated.oregon.gov/#/> to find locations of vaccinations, including the mobile unit. If they go to the locator map and enter Florence, a list of locations and offerings is provided.



*Cindy Wobbe's 21st Annual*  
**"POUNDING"**  
a drive-through benefit for Food Share

**Saturday, 11/20, 10 to 2**  
**Grocery Outlet parking lot**

GROCERY OUTLET We gratefully acknowledge the generous corporate match by Top Hydraulics.

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**Guys Garage Sale**  
Saturday 11/13  
9am-4pm  
1915 East 36th Street, Florence

**GRAND OPENING**  
Oregon Coast Humane Society Annual Christmas Store  
November 1st  
10am-4pm  
1179 Bay Street  
Old Town, Florence  
Open Monday-Saturday  
10am-4pm

**Indoor Garage/Estate Sale**  
Rain or Shine  
Sat & Sun  
11/13 - 11/14  
9am-3pm  
83548 Salal St.  
Dunes City  
off of Clear Lake Rd.  
Park on street.  
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*Delicious* STARTS HERE NOVEMBER FOOD SPECIALS

**BONFIRE THURSDAY - SUNDAY 4PM to 9PM**

**APPETIZER**  
**Arancini Di Riso - \$13**  
Our risotto recipe with fresh mozzarella, deep fried to a golden brown and served with our smoked marinara sauce.

**ENTREE**  
**Bonfire Stroganoff - \$37**  
Prepared with tenderloin and cognac demi-glace on a bed of pappardelle noodles.

**DESSERT**  
**November Soufflé - \$12**  
A delicious melt in your mouth, light and puffy pumpkin custard cake topped with spiced rum caramel sauce.



**Country Breakfast Platter - \$13**  
SERVED DAILY • 7AM-11AM

**Autumn Harvest Salad - \$16**  
SERVED DAILY • 11AM-9PM

**Prime Rib of Beef - \$25**  
SERVED FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY • 4PM-9PM

**Riverside FOOD COURT NOVEMBER SPECIALS**

**Mamma Mia!** A TASTE OF ITALY IN FLORENCE  
**THE GOBBLER - \$13**  
House-made pizza dough with Alfredo sauce, mozzarella cheese, roasted turkey, red onion, homemade stuffing and roasted garlic. Sprinkled with Feta cheese and baked. Complimented with a cranberry drizzle and parsley.

**THE 101 BURGER BAR**  
**SUNRISE CHEESE-BURGER - \$13**  
1/3 lb hamburger with thinly sliced ham, bacon, Swiss cheese, over-easy egg, lettuce, tomato and onion. Served with fries or tots.

**Coastal ROASTERS** COFFEE & SWEETS  
**PUMPKIN SPICED OR PEPPERMINT BARK LATTE - \$5**

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