

On The Record

Oregon ends use of driver license, ID address change stickers

SALEM — When Oregon residents update their addresses with the DMV, they will no longer be required to apply a sticker on their driver license, permit or ID card as of Jan. 1, 2020.

The DMV will no longer mail labels with changes of address received after Dec. 31, 2019. Under House Bill

57 passed during the 2019 legislative session, the state joined the vast majority of states in ending the use of address stickers.

Ending the use of address stickers is estimated to save \$550,000 a year in printing and postage costs. That savings will go into the State Highway Fund to support

local and state roads.

Oregon law requires driver license, permit and ID card holders to file a change of address with DMV within 30 days of moving to a new address within Oregon.

You can file a change of address for free at OregonDMV.com/dmv2u.

It is important to keep

addresses up to date with the DMV so that drivers receive vital information such as driver license and vehicle registration renewal reminders.

In a traffic stop by law enforcement, officers can ask if the address on the license is current and verify it from inside their patrol vehicle.

Until this law change, Oregon was one of only three states that required cardholders to place a new address sticker on their license, permit or ID card. As of Jan. 1, only Connecticut and Michigan will still require the use of stickers.

Before any visits to the DMV, please first check

www.OregonDMV.com to find business hours, locations and wait times for most offices, and to make sure all documents are in order before visiting.

Oregonians also can do some DMV business, such as renew your vehicle registration, from home at OregonDMV.com.

Next phase of statewide gas tax increases to begin in January

SALEM — The second of four planned increases in the gas tax goes into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

The increase is part of House Bill 2017, the “Keep Oregon Moving” legislation passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2017.

The gas tax increase schedule is as follows, with the first and largest increase already in effect as of 2018:

- \$.04 - Jan. 1, 2018
- \$.02 - Jan. 1, 2020
- \$.02 - Jan. 1, 2022
- \$.02 - Jan. 1, 2024
- \$.10 Total

For the first time, Oregon lawmakers set requirements that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon cities and counties must meet in order to trigger the increase.

The Oregon Transpor-

tation Commission sent the Legislature a report outlining how ODOT and local governments have met those requirements on Nov. 26.

Two more 2-cent gas tax increases in 2022 and 2024 are also on deck — but only if ODOT meets additional accountability requirements.

The gas tax increase was tied to ODOT completing two specific projects to help address congestion on I-205.

I-205 Corridor Bottleneck (\$15.5M): ODOT paved portions of I-205 and constructed new lanes between interchanges in the Sunnybrook and Johnson Creek areas to improve safety and reduce congestion.

I-205 Active Traffic Management (\$15.2M): ODOT installed signage giving motorists real-time

information about travel times.

ODOT worked with Oregon cities and counties to produce a website detailing the condition of the major roads and all Oregon bridges.

The site grades the major roads in and through communities as good, fair, or poor so people can see what they’re getting for their increased taxes.

Project Reporting

ODOT also had to provide a list of shovel-ready projects that could be constructed with additional funds and report on the agency’s efforts to address congestion through a number of other important projects in the Portland metro region, including the I-5 Rose Quarter project, new lanes on OR 217, widening of I-205 between Stafford Road and the Ab-

ernethy Bridge, and implementation of tolling.

How the money will be spent

Of the nearly sixty million dollars this increase will raise, 20 percent goes to Oregon counties, 30 percent to Oregon cities and 50 percent to ODOT.

ODOT will use its share (\$27.9M) of the funds for:

- Highway maintenance (\$1.7M)
- Bridge projects (\$11.2M)
- Seismic projects (\$8.4M)
- Preservation and culvert projects (\$6.7M)

“Accountability ensures that our state and local transportation agencies are spending taxpayer dollars wisely,” said Governor Kate Brown. “In this report, Oregonians can see exactly how we are building a transportation system that supports economic

development, reduces congestion and related vehicle emissions, and creates more sustainable, livable communities.”

“The Commission is proud of the excellent work ODOT has done to date to implement the 2017 transportation legislation,” noted Oregon Transportation Commission Chairman, Robert Van Brocklin.

that we will see beginning next January as a result of ODOT’s work will allow us to make important new investments, including projects to reduce Portland area traffic congestion. It will also allow us to build new and preserve existing transportation investments in every region of the state.”

At full implementation in 2024, Oregon’s gas tax will be .40 cents a gallon.

POLICE LOG

Nov. 29

- An unknown person or persons stole a 2019 Dodge Charger from the Cottage Grove Dodge dealership.

Nov. 27

- Shoplifting was reported at Cottage Market on S. Fifth Street.

Nov. 29

- Unknown persons sprayed graffiti on a utility box near the intersection of E. Gibbs Rd. and N. Sixth Street.

Dec. 1

- Shoplifting was reported at Grocery Outlet, resulting in arrest. The subject was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

Dec. 2

- Assault was reported on S. R Street, ending in arrest.
- A small bundle of methamphetamine was reportedly found at the Cottage Grove Laundry Mat.

DEATH NOTICES

EVANS—Andrew Davidson Evans, 43, of Cottage Grove, died Nov. 15, 2019. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

WOLFARD—Darwin Clifford Wolfard, 53, of Cottage Grove, died Nov. 25, 2019. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

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