

Town of Munster, Indiana, Town Council

ORDINANCE 1682

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CIVIL TOWN OF MUNSTER MOTOR VEHICLE
EXCISE SURTAX AND CIVIL TOWN OF MUNSTER WHEEL TAX**

WHEREAS, Over the course of recent years, Town of Munster has experienced a substantial reduction in funding from the State of Indiana for use in maintaining Town roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the dramatic decrease in State funding, Town of Munster has experienced great difficulties in paying for the costs of properly maintaining the Town's roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, State statutes now allow towns with populations greater than 10,000 that are in a county that currently does not levy a county motor vehicle surtax tax and wheel tax the authority to impose a local motor vehicle excise surtax and wheel tax to serve as an exclusive local funding source to help cover the costs of maintaining county roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, The County of Lake, Indiana does not currently levy a motor vehicle surtax or wheel tax and Town of Munster has a population of 23,270 according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, After due consideration, Town of Munster Council believes that it is reasonable and necessary to adopt this Ordinance to establish the Town of Munster Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the Town of Munster Wheel Tax to generate additional monies to help cover the costs of maintaining Town of Munster roads and highways; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED, By the Town of Munster Town Council in consideration of the above and foregoing, as follows:

1. Town of Munster hereby **ADOPTS AND IMPOSES** the motor vehicle excise surtax, which shall apply to the following vehicles:
 - (A) Passenger vehicles
 - (B) Motorcycles.
 - (C) Trucks with a declared gross weight that does not exceed eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
 - (D) Motor driven cycles.
2. The motor vehicle surtax to be imposed shall be at the following rates:
 - (A) Passenger vehicles: \$25.00 per vehicle
 - (B) Motorcycles. \$12.50 per motorcycle
 - (C) Trucks with a declared gross weight that does not exceed eleven thousand (11,000) pounds: \$25.00 per truck
 - (D) Motor driven cycles: \$12.50 per motor driven cycle.
3. Town of Munster further **ADOPTS AND IMPOSES** the municipal wheel tax, which shall apply to the following vehicles:
 - (A) Buses;
 - (B) Recreational vehicles;
 - (C) Trailers and semitrailers;
 - (D) Tractors; and
 - (E) Trucks

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4. The following vehicles are exempt from the municipal wheel tax established by this Ordinance:
 - (A) Vehicles owned by the State of Indiana;
 - (B) Vehicles owned by a state agency of the State of Indiana;
 - (C) Vehicles owned by a political subdivision of the State of Indiana;
 - (D) Vehicles subject to the motor vehicle excise surtax imposed by this Ordinance; or
 - (E) Buses owned and operated by a religious or non-profit youth organization and used to haul persons to religious services or for the benefit of their members.
5. The wheel tax to be imposed shall be at the following rates:
 - (A) For buses: \$40.00 per bus.
 - (B) For recreational vehicles: \$40.00 per vehicle.
 - (C) For semitrailers: \$40.00 per semitrailer.
 - (D) For tractors: \$40.00 per tractor.
 - (E) For trailers: \$20.00 per trailer.
 - (F) For trucks: \$40.00 per truck.
6. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall collect the municipal motor vehicle excise surtax and the municipal wheel tax by and through its established procedures on behalf of Town of Munster. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall be entitled to assess a service fee for assisting Town of Munster in collection of these taxes.
7. The Munster Town Council shall review the rates hereby established for the Town of Munster Motor Vehicle Excise Surtax and the Town of Munster Wheel Tax within five (5) years from the date of passage.
8. Upon passage, the Auditor of Town of Munster is directed to send a copy of the final version of the Ordinance to the Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, and Indiana 46204.

ADOPTED and PASSED this 20th day of June, 2016, by a vote of five in favor and none opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**



John P. Reed, President

ATTEST:



David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer