

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
SUBSTITUE
ORDINANCE 1219**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 5.38, BIENNIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX, TO
INCREASE THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX LEVIED ON REGISTERED
VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY AND AMENDING CMC SECTION 5.05.030 TO CLARIFY
THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX EXCEPT AS
OTHERWISE STATED**

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova elected in 1999 to come under the provisions of AS 28.10.431 which provides for the levy and collection by the State of a municipal motor vehicle registration tax for municipalities that elect to come under the provisions of that statute; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by statute to change the rates otherwise established by the State for the motor vehicle registration tax; and

WHEREAS, the City has not adjusted the municipal vehicle registration tax schedule set by statute since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that upward adjustments should be made to reflect current economic conditions in order to collect those taxes necessary to better maintain and service City roads; and

WHEREAS, the City currently exempts all personal property tax from *ad valorem* taxes but does not expressly identify this exemption in the Cordova Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, that:

Section 1. Cordova City Code Chapter 5.38, Biennial Motor Vehicle Registration Tax is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5.38 BIENNIAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX

- 5.38.010** ~~Biennial motor vehicle registration tax.~~ **Election.**
5.38.020 ~~Rate of levy.~~
5.38.030 ~~Permanent registration – Trailers.~~

5.38.010 – ~~Biennial motor vehicle registration tax.~~ Election.

A. The city hereby elects the levy of a **biennial** motor vehicle registration tax under AS 28.10.431, as amended. This election shall become effective as of January 1, 2001.

B. Motor vehicles subject to registration tax under AS 28.10.431 are exempt from use and ad valorem taxes.

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5.38.020 Rate of levy.

A. Pursuant to AS 28.10.431 there is levied in the City a biennial motor vehicle registration tax on those vehicles subject to the State’s motor vehicle registration fee under AS 28.110.411 and 28.10.421. Pursuant to AS 28.10.431(j) the City modifies the scheduled amount of tax imposed under subsections (b) and (l) of the statute according to the following schedules: The tax due is based on the age of the vehicle as determined by model year in the first year of the biennial period, in the amount set forth below:

<u>Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year</u>								
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th or over</u>
<u>Motorcycle</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)(A) or (3)(A): Noncommercial passenger vehicles, motor homes, and low speed vehicles</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(1)(B): Taxicabs</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c)(1)-(4): commercial vehicles for hire based on unladen weight of:</u>								
<u>5,000 pounds or less</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>5,001-12,000 pounds</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>150</u>
<u>12,001-18,000 pounds</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>407</u>
<u>18,001 pounds and over</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>494</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(b)(3)(B): Motor buses with a seating capacity for 20 or more persons and used exclusively for commercial purposes in the transporting of visitors or tourists</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>150</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(j)</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(d)(8): Amateur mobile radio station vehicles</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>Vehicles eligible for dealer plates under AS 28.10.421(d)(9)</u>	<u>100</u>							

B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, there is an annual tax levied in the City upon motor vehicles specified in AS 28.10.421(c) and subject to the registration fee under AS 28.10.411 and AS 28.10.421 if the owner elects to register the vehicle annually as allowed under AS 28.10.108(f). The annual tax under this subsection shall be according to the following schedule:

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Tax According to Age of Vehicle Since Model Year:								
Motor Vehicle	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th or over
<u>5,000 pounds or less</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>5,001-12,000 pounds</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>75</u>
<u>12,001-18,000 pounds</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>204</u>
<u>18,001 pounds or over</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>247</u>

5.38.030 - Permanent registration—Trailers.

The City elects to allow permanent registration of trailers under AS 28.10.421(j). Pursuant to AS 28.10.431(j), there is established a tax on any trailer that is permanently registered under AS 28.10.421(j). The tax levied under this subsection is equal to the biennial rate established in subsection A. and is payable only once at the time a trailer is permanently registered in the City. The option for permanent registration under this subsection shall be available on January 1, 2026, and thereafter.

Section 2. Cordova Municipal Code Section 5.05.030 “Applicability of Provisions” is amended to read as follows:

5.05.030 Applicability of Provisions.

All real property in the City is subject to taxation, except real property exempt under the constitution of the State, the applicable laws of the State, including all properties listed in AS 29.45.030, the City Charter or the ordinances of the City. **Personal property shall be exempted from tax except as otherwise expressly provided in this code. No application for an exemption shall be required for personal property.**

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, however, the tax levied herein will not be imposed until 2026, per AS 28.10.431(j). This ordinance shall be enacted in accordance with Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Cordova, Alaska, within ten (10) days after its passage.

1st reading: September 4, 2024

2nd reading and public hearing: September 18, 2024

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.



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David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

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