



Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair

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RE: Registration Rates & New Rules

Dear Shop Owners:

As most of you may have already learned, annual registration fees will increase from \$225 to \$300 effective January 1, 2017. This means that your 2017 renewals for 2017-2018 will be at the new rate. Increasing registration fees was not an easy decision for the Board to make, and not a decision that was taken lightly.

Registration fees have remained the same since January 1, 2007, 10 years. Obviously, operating costs have not. Most business people understand the rise in the cost to operate. The majority of our expenses are non-negotiable operating fees which have risen substantially over the last 10 years.

In addition, the new Administrative Rules go into effect September 8, 2016. These rules require registered businesses to record their Ohio Registration number on all estimates and invoices. This rule will serve several purposes; first insurance companies and customers will see you have a registration number, and hopefully it will generate a conversation where you will have an opportunity to educate them on what registration is, and why we have it. If they obtain more than one estimate, they may encounter an unregistered shop and realize that shop is not doing business by the law. If we receive a consumer complaint and collect estimates or invoices with or without a registration number it will assist us with prosecution.

The second part of the rule simply deals with the window decals we are distributing to the registered businesses.

One of our goals is to increase the distinction between the legally registered motor vehicle repairers and the illegitimate, back yard repairers. Especially to the consumers.

I would like to thank you all for your support, and as always, please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Greene

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Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

Effectively and efficiently enforce Ohio laws by implementing Common Sense Initiatives to enhance consumer protection and promote industry growth and compliance.