



Our records indicate that the vehicle showing on the enclosed 2016 Cook County Vehicle License application is registered at an address located in an unincorporated part of Cook County. Please complete the application and return it along with your remittance in the enclosed envelope. Licenses may also be purchased in person at Township offices.

If you do not need to purchase a Cook County Vehicle License, please indicate the reason on the application and return in the envelope provided. This information will be used to update our records.

Your Cook County Vehicle License or Tag must be displayed on your vehicle by July 1st.  
**A late penalty will be charged for licenses purchased AFTER July 1st.**

### Who Should Buy A Cook County Vehicle License?

- If you live in unincorporated Cook County and own a vehicle, you are required to purchase a Cook County Vehicle License for cars and trucks or vehicle plate for motorcycles and trailers.
- If you own a business in unincorporated Cook County and keep a vehicle there, you are required to purchase a Cook County Vehicle License.

### Guidelines

- Cook County Vehicle Licenses are valid from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Cook County Vehicle Licenses must be purchased and displayed by July 1st of each year.
- Passenger vehicles, trucks and buses must display a current Cook County license in the bottom right hand corner of the windshield. Motorcycles and trailers must display a Cook County license plate on the rear end of the vehicle.
- Passenger vehicles weighing over 4,500 lbs. are required to display an XLV (Large Vehicle) license.
- If obtaining a transfer or duplicated sticker, you are required to first return the sticker that you have in your possession to the Department or Township in order to receive your new sticker.

### Seniors

If you are over the age of 65 as of July 1 of this year you are entitled to a NO FEE SR license for vehicle classes XSV, XLV or A only. The license remains valid as long as you own this vehicle. There is a limit of 2 free licenses per senior. If you no longer own the vehicle, please remove the SR sticker and return it to the Department or Township Office. The sticker is not considered valid since you are no longer the owner of the vehicle. A SR License is permanent. You will not need to obtain another SR License unless you purchase a new vehicle.

### The Categories Below May Be Eligible For 'NF' Class Licenses At No Charge

If you have a NF License, no annual renewal is required. This is a permanent license for the life of the vehicle. If you register another vehicle with the Secretary of State, you are required to obtain a new NF License for that vehicle. If you no longer own the vehicle, please remove the NF sticker and return it to the Department or Township office. The sticker is not considered valid since you are no longer the owner of the vehicle.

- Physically handicapped individuals (Proof of vehicle registration certificate or registration with the State of Illinois under 625 ILCS 5/3-616 required).
- Disabled Veterans (Proof of service related disability required from the Veterans Administration).
- School, church, and nonprofit vehicles (as defined in Sec. 74-554 of the Cook County Wheel Tax Ordinance).
- Government owned vehicles.

A NF License is permanent. You will not need to obtain another NF License unless you purchase a new vehicle.

Commercial motor vehicles as defined under 625 ILCS 5/18b-101 and registered as apportionable vehicles (proof required) with the Illinois Secretary of State pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/3-402.1 are exempt from the Cook County Wheel Tax.

### Penalty For Late Purchase

If you purchase your license after July 1st you will be charged a late penalty equal to the price of the license or \$25, whichever is greater. You may also be subject to additional penalties if your license is not displayed by July 1st. Cook County Vehicle Licenses may be purchased in person at Township offices, by mail or on-line at [www.cookcountyil.gov/revenue](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/revenue). Make checks payable to: **"Cook County Collector"**. Do not separate the enclosed application. **Return the entire form.** Please call the Cook County Department of Revenue at **(312) 603-6961** with any questions.

