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## **Expect higher fees when you visit the County Clerk's Office** *New law begins July 1, raises motor vehicle fees for transportation projects*

LITTLETON, CO --- Beginning July 1, it will cost you more to register your vehicle at County Clerk's offices statewide.

On March 2, 2009, Governor Bill Ritter signed Senate Bill 09-108 into law. This legislation and subsequent fees, sponsored by Senator Dan Gibbs and Representative Joe Rice, is expected to generate about \$252 million annually for transportation projects, including improvements to more than 100 structurally deficient bridges across the state.

"There are actually two parts of this legislation in which the public will feel fees increase when they register their vehicle," said Nancy Doty, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. "First, the fee to register is increasing incrementally for the next three years, and a late fee of \$25 per month will be accessed after the 30-day grace period has expired."

When this legislation is implemented in July, most owners of cars and SUVs can expect to pay an extra \$32, which will increase to an extra \$36.50 the second year, and to \$41 the third year. If someone registers their vehicle after their 30-day grace period has expired they can expect to pay an additional \$25 the first month. That amount will grow by an additional \$25 each month but will not exceed \$100. The late fee shall not apply to a vehicle used in operating a commercial business that, as part of the normal operation of the business, is not operated on any public highway in this state for a least one full registration period.

"My advice to the citizens of Arapahoe County is to pay their vehicle registrations on time and be prepared for increased fees beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>," Doty added.

You can read more about this legislation by going to [www.leg.state.co.us](http://www.leg.state.co.us).

For more information about hours and locations to register your vehicle in Arapahoe County, and the many services offered by the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office, including driver's license renewal, voter registration, document recording, marriage licenses and passports, visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) or call 303-795-4200.

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