Beaufort County News Release

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County Road Maintenance Fee Increased

Earlier this year, Beaufort County Council passed an ordinance increasing the County's road maintenance fee from $10 to $16.50 per vehicle. This is the first increase since 1993. The county began implementing the road fee in 1972 at $2 per vehicle.

"The fee increase will affect new vehicle registration accounts beginning September 1, 2015," said Beaufort County Auditor Jim Beckert. "Those with vehicles already registered in Beaufort County do not need to submit payment at this time, but will see the increase on their personal property tax bill when renewing motor vehicle decals starting September 2015."

Beaufort County has more than 200 miles of paved roads, ranging from local roads with little traffic to heavily traveled roads, such as Bluffton and Buckwalter parkways, which have daily traffic counts exceeding 20,000. Revenue generated from the road maintenance fee is used for the construction, repairs, and maintenance of County-owned roads and bridges.