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Time running out to renew vehicle stickers online at regular fee

The option to renew an Oak Park vehicle sticker online at the standard rate will end at 5 p.m., Tues., June 30. Anyone who misses the deadline will have to pay double the on-time fee.

All Oak Park residents who own vehicles are required to purchase and display vehicle stickers annually by July 1. Owners of vehicles that do not display a valid Village vehicle sticker by the deadline must pay the regular fee plus an equal amount to come into compliance with the local law. Violators also risk a \$21 ticket each day they do not display a vehicle sticker after the deadline.

For passenger vehicle owners who miss the deadline the fee for each vehicle will be \$90. Delinquent pick-up truck owners will owe \$112 per unlicensed vehicle and motorcycle owners \$32. Owners of other types of trucks and vehicles who don't purchase and display a sticker on time will owe double the fee, too, the actual amount depending on each vehicle's class.

Renewal forms were mailed to current sticker holders in May. Each form has a unique identification number that is needed to access the online renewal option at www.oak-park.us/onlineservices. In addition to paying the fee, the online system also allows vehicle owners to correct or update personal information such as address and telephone number. Online payment requires a credit/debit card.

The on-line system is for renewals only and is available only until 5 p.m., Tues., June 30. Online renewals will be accepted beginning after 8:30 a.m., Wed., July 1, but the higher rate will be assessed.

New residents, or those who have never bought a Village vehicle sticker, must come to the Office of the Village Clerk in Village Hall, 123 Madison St. First-time vehicle sticker purchasers must provide a lease, utility bill or other document showing they live in Oak Park. Purchases also require the vehicle identification number (VIN) and license plate numbers.

Office hours have been extended through June, including Saturday mornings, for purchasing vehicle stickers. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays during the renewal period. Regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Through early June, more than 2,700 vehicle stickers were renewed via the online option, or about 42 percent of all stickers renewed since the system became operational on May 12. Online activity represented about 32 percent of renewals by this same time last year.

For more information on vehicle stickers, call 708.358.5670 or e-mail clerk@oak-park.us.

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