

Alabama Department of Revenue

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Jefferson County Vehicle Registration Renewal and Vehicle Property Tax Payment Deadlines Extended a Second Time

Montgomery—State Revenue Commissioner Tim Russell announced today that the August, September, and October 2009 motor vehicle registration renewal and vehicle property tax payment deadlines have been extended through December 2009 for Jefferson County residents affected by the August 3, 2009, closings of several Jefferson County offices and the understaffing of the remaining offices.

In an order issued on Sept. 18, 2009, State Revenue Commissioner Tim Russell amended his original order dated Aug. 4, 2009, to include the October motor vehicle registration renewal and vehicle property tax payment period and to move the original extension date from Nov. 30, 2009, until Dec. 31, 2009, for Jefferson County residents. Jefferson County residents renewing their vehicles' annual August, September, and October registrations during this extended period will not be subject to any penalty and interest charges for late registration or late payment of vehicle property tax until Jan. 4, 2010.

The August, September, and October registration renewal extension is also applicable to Jefferson County residents who have recently purchased or otherwise acquired a vehicle during the period July 12, 2009, through Oct. 11, 2009, and have not been able to register their vehicle within the 20-day registration period because of office closings and staff reductions. The extension order also applies to registration transfers occurring during this period, July 12, 2009, through Oct. 11, 2009.

The ADOR advises that the extension order does not apply to registration fees paid by International Registration Plan (IRP) registrants based in Jefferson

County—individuals or companies owning commercial vehicles with a combined gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds and used in interstate commerce, as these owners are required to pay all registration fees directly to the ADOR.

The order does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes due by Jefferson County-based IRP registrants during the period August 1 through December 31. The ADOR will issue temporary IRP vehicle registrations to Jefferson County-based IRP registrants upon payment of IRP registration fees that will allow carriers to continue to operate for a limited time. Apportioned license plates will be issued upon presentation of evidence of payment of property taxes to Jefferson County.

For more information, visit the department's Web site at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE (REVISED)

Due to the extreme hardships placed on Alabama motor vehicle registrants located in Jefferson County, Alabama, who have very limited access to the county license plate issuing offices or county tax collection offices during the months of August, September and October 2009 to register, renew or transfer registrations for their motor vehicles and pay property taxes on their vehicles because county courthouses and other county offices were understaffed during some or all of the months of August, September and October 2009, under the power granted to me by §40-2-11, Code of Alabama 1975, I hereby issue the following order:

I. GENERAL RULE

- (a) **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REGISTERING, RENEWING OR TRANSFERRING AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2009 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES.** For the purposes of applying Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws and property tax laws as related to the annual registration renewal of vehicles during the months of August, September and October 2009, the registration deadline has been extended through December 31, 2009, without payment of penalty or interest for vehicle owners located in Jefferson County where the county courthouse or other county license plate issuing offices and county tax collection offices were understaffed during some or all of the months of August, September and October 2009 as a result of county budgetary constraints.

This extension includes the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired from July 12, 2009, through October 11, 2009, as well as transfers of registrations whereby the 20-day registration requirement as provided for in §32-6-61 and §40-12-260, Code of Alabama 1975, occurs, in part, during the months of August, September or October 2009. The extension does not apply to motor vehicle registrations, renewals, or transfers for vehicles registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP). These vehicle owners are required to pay all registration fees to the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, during the assigned registration month. The extension does, however, apply to the payment of property taxes on IRP vehicles.

- (b) **PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH REGISTERING, RENEWING OR TRANSFERRING AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2009 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES.** Penalty and interest charges associated with motor vehicle registrations, transfers and renewals extended through December 31, 2009, will not be charged until January 4, 2010. Additionally, penalty and interest charges associated with motor vehicle property tax payments extended through December 31, 2009, will not be charged until January 4, 2010.

Entered this 18th day of September 2009

SIGNED

Tim Russell, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Revenue

ATTEST

Lewis A. Easterly, Secretary
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