

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE	SUBJECT:		
VSRS-07	COUNTY REGISTRATION FEE		
DESCRIPTION AND USE:			
<p>THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE COUNTIES WHO HAVE OPTED TO CHARGE THE COUNTY REGISTRATION FEE.</p>			
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 328.66, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, provides that a county may impose an annual registration fee on vessels registered, operated, or stored in the water within its jurisdiction. The fee shall be 50 percent of the applicable state registration fee. However, the first \$1 of every registration imposed under this subsection shall be remitted to the state for deposit in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund. The remainder of the county fee collected shall be retained by the county to be expended for the patrol, regulation, and maintenance of the lakes, rivers and waters and for other boating-related activities.</p>			
<p>II. GENERAL INFORMATION:</p> <p>A county which elects to impose an annual vessel registration fee must notify the department of its intent, at least 30 calendar days prior to the activation of the fee. This notification must include the fee implementation date and the name of the county tax collector responsible for collecting the fee.</p>			
<p>III. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>The county tax collector authorized to impose the county registration fee shall remit to the department all monies collected for the preservation of manatees pursuant to <u>section</u> 328.66, <u>Florida Statutes</u>.</p>			
<p>IV. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:</p> <p>The submission of the monies collected for the preservation of the manatee shall be a part of the state's vessel title and registration process.</p>			
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