

## **TAVT Rate Increases With New Year, Opt-In Deadline Approaching**

1/2/2014

This is a reminder to citizens that the new Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) rate has increased from 6.5 percent in 2013 to 6.75 percent in 2014, in accordance with a new state law that went into effect last year changing the way motor vehicles are taxed. The new system, which went into effect on March 1, 2013, also requires another rate increase in 2015, raising the TAVT rate to 7 percent.

Important and time sensitive reminders:

- Vehicles purchased after Feb. 28, 2013 are automatically in new TAVT system. TAVT is based on the vehicle's retail price or fair market value, whichever is greater.
- Vehicles purchased between Jan. 1, 2012 and Feb. 28, 2013 are eligible to opt in to the new TAVT system. TAVT replaces the annual vehicle ad valorem tax, often called the "birthday tax." Vehicle owners will need to bring in their bill of sale and Georgia driver's license with a Hall County address. The deadline to opt in is Feb. 28, 2014.
- Vehicles purchased prior to Jan. 1, 2012 will stay on the annual ad valorem system (birthday system).
- TAVT is applicable to sales between individuals (casual sales) as well as each time the vehicle is sold and retitled. TAVT is based on the fair market value of the vehicle.
- New residents to Georgia (after Feb. 28, 2013) are subject to TAVT. If new residency was established between Jan. 1, 2012 and Feb. 28, 2013 and the title was transferred to Georgia during that time period, those residents may opt in to TAVT.
- A title tax calculator is available on our website: [tax.hallcounty.org](http://tax.hallcounty.org) or on <https://etax.dor.ga.gov/>

2013 customer service initiatives to support YOU:

- Cross-training of employees has enabled all clerks to assist residents with property and motor vehicle needs.
- An information desk and attendant are located at the entrance to our lobby, ensuring residents have all the paperwork needed for their visit, providing necessary forms and answering questions prior to processing transactions efficiently and effectively at the window.
- A communication center is staffed with well-trained employees to answer phone and email inquiries.
- Spanish versions of property tax statements are available online at [tax.hallcounty.org](http://tax.hallcounty.org).
- Secure drop boxes are located at our office (inside and outside), and online payment options for property tax and motor vehicle renewals are also available.

As a reminder, our office has moved to the Hall County Government Center. See our contact information below.

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