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Manitowoc Common Council
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

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Dear Common Council Members:

I am submitting this letter requesting reimbursement for the wheel tax that I paid to renew registration on my slingshot in March 2022. I would also like reimbursement for the wheel tax paid for registering my trailer in 2021. The basis for the request is that in accordance with the city ordinance, 18-1156, the wheel tax is applicable to motor vehicles (thus excluding trailers) and in 23.200 (Motor Vehicle Registration Fee) step 3 defines a motor vehicle as an automobile or motor truck registered under Wis Stat §341.25(1)(c). This would exclude a motorcycle or autocycle. The actual ordinance step reads as follows:

(3) Definition. For purposes of this section, a "motor vehicle" means an automobile or motor truck registered under Wis. Stat. § 341.25(1)(c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds that is registered in Wisconsin and customarily kept in the City of Manitowoc.

When I spoke with DMV prior to renewing my registration they indicated that I must pay it and take it up with the city to have the city correct the information with the state on what is collected. Based on the verbiage in the ordinance, collection of the wheel tax for my autocycle (which is classified as a motorcycle) is illegal. In addition, collection of the wheel tax for a trailer which has no cab is also illegal and a refund should be made for all of these.

I will also point out that it is my opinion that the entire wheel ordinance collected since its enactment is illegal due to the reference to Wis Stat §341.25(1)(c). This specific step in the statute reads as follows:

For each motor truck or dual purpose motor home, a fee to be determined in accordance with sub. (2) on the basis of the maximum gross weight of the vehicle. Maximum gross weight shall be determined by adding together the weight in pounds of the vehicle when equipped to carry a load as a motor truck and the maximum load in pounds which the applicant proposes to carry on the vehicle when used as a motor truck.

By specifying "(1)(c)" in the ordinance the wheel tax fee should not be collected on any vehicle other than a motor truck or dual purpose motor home.

Please refund \$40 for the registration of my trailer and autocycle and contact the state about collection of the wheeltax to update that the collection is not for autocycles. If you intend to continue to collect the wheeltax, I would suggest you update the Wisconsin State Statute referenced as well.

Sincerely,



Theresa. Fessler



State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation

License Plate Renewal - Confirmation

- Thank you for using DMV's online license plate renewal system
- You should receive your certificate of vehicle registration and sticker(s) within 10 days

Vehicle Information

Plate Type: AUTOCYCLE
Plate Number: SLNGR
Year: 2020
Make: POLS
Model:
Body Style: AUTOCYCLE
Color: BLUE
VIN: 57XAARHB1L8136629
RRN: 37362211033

Registration Expiration Date: 04/30/2023

Stay electronic, sign up for [eNotify](#) to receive your renewal notices electronically.

Visit safercar.gov/VIN to check if your vehicle is subject to a safety recall that is incomplete. Provided by U.S. Department of Transportation, NHTSA.

Visit the [Wisconsin DNR](#) for easy access to licenses, permits, registrations and more. Your gateway to Wisconsin's outdoors.

Exit

Renew another license plate



Confirmation

You must click the "Continue" button below in order to return to the state agency's website.

Please keep a record of your Confirmation Number, or [print this page](#) for your records.

Confirmation Number **WISTVR038512925**

Payment Details

Description WI DOT TVR
Vehicle Registration Renewal
<http://www.wisconsin.dmv.gov>

Payment Amount \$80.00

Payment Date 03/09/2022

Status SCHEDULED

Plate Number SLNGR

Payment Method

Bank Routing Number 075900575

Bank Name ASSOCIATED BANK GREEN BAY

Bank Account Number *5845

Bank Account Type Checking

Bank Account Category Consumer

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