

ORDINANCE W2015-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A WHEEL TAX OF \$5.00
FOR EACH WHEEL WITH MAXIMUM OF \$60.00
FOR EACH VEHICLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL, Chapter 32-5A, Deuel County has the authority to impose a wheel tax on all motor vehicles including trailers as defined in SDCL 32-3-1, registered in the County; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 Legislative session, Senate Bill 1 was signed into law by the Governor to raise the maximum wheel tax from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per wheel and to increase the number of wheels from four wheels to a maximum of twelve wheels; and

WHEREAS, SB1 created the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) program which will be the only funding source all the counties will use to competitively bid for funding the replacement of county bridges and the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) funding program will replace the current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding program;

WHEREAS, the county cannot be assured of receiving funding from the Bridge Improvement Grant program for county bridge replacement projects; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the County as well as the Municipalities and Townships located within the County will need additional funds for highway and bridge maintenance and construction; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the most equitable manner to raise such funds is through a wheel tax; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota deems it necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the County, to impose a wheel tax on all vehicles registered in the County;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE DEUEL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that a county wheel tax is hereby imposed upon all motor vehicles as defined by SDCL 32-3-1 registered in the County at the rate of Five and no/100th (\$5.00) Dollars per vehicle wheel with a total of twelve wheels per vehicle. Such wheel tax shall be the same for all types of motor vehicles and the total wheel tax shall not exceed Sixty and no/100ths (\$60.00) Dollars, per vehicle. Such wheel tax shall be administered and collected by the County, and the proceeds from such wheel tax shall be retained by the County, deposited in a special highway fund, and the revenue shall be used only for highway and bridge maintenance and construction. The Board of County Commissioners shall, by resolution, establish a means of distributing the revenue generated by such wheel tax among the County and the municipalities and townships located within the County. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2016.

Steve Rhody, Chairman
Deuel County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Pam Lynde, Auditor

First Reading: July 7, 2015

Second Reading: July 21, 2015

Approved & Adopted: July 21, 2015

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Deuel County registered voters have the right to refer the decision of the board to a vote of the people as provided in SDCL Chapter 7-18A. A referendum petition form prepared by the county and ready for circulation for said ordinance may be obtained from the office of the county auditor.