

The Facts on Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Did You Know...

...that all motor vehicle excise tax collected by the City of Biddeford stays in the City of Biddeford and is not shared with the State of Maine?

...that the motor vehicle excise tax is the basis for funding road maintenance in the City, including plowing, salting/sanding, pothole repairs and non-bonded repaving?

...that the motor vehicle excise tax is based on a uniform State-wide tax rate and the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of the vehicle, so that the amount paid should be the same no matter what Municipality it is collected in?

...that the tax rate for motor vehicle excise tax decreases each year of a vehicle's life for 6 years and then remains fixed for all years after that?

...that motor vehicle excise tax collections represent 46% of the City's budget revenue that is not raised by property taxes or received from State Revenue Sharing?

...that the motor vehicle excise tax collected reduces Biddeford's property tax rate by one dollar (currently 7%)?

If you would like to find out more on this or any subject related to City finances, please stop by City Hall or call Curt Koehler, Finance Director at 284-9333.