Veterans can apply for select military license plates at no cost through Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office

County joins the State in issuing first set of military plates exempt from registration fees

LITTLETON, CO – Eligible veterans who live in Arapahoe County may now visit any of the County’s motor vehicle offices to apply for a set of select military license plates at no cost. Arapahoe County can issue exempt plates with new registrations only; the County is not yet able to renew free military plates.

Under Colorado law, eligible veterans do not pay vehicle ownership taxes or license fees on their first set of Disabled Veteran, Handicap Disabled Veteran, Former Prisoner of War, Purple Heart, Medal of Honor and Medal of Valor license plates. Sales tax does still apply. Additional sets may be obtained at a cost. This exemption does not apply to any other military-related license plates.

Arapahoe County is one of two counties (with El Paso) that can issue the first set of these exempt plates at no cost in its offices, as part of a pilot program through the Colorado Department of Revenue. Veterans in all other counties may title a vehicle in the county where they reside, but their registration paperwork for exempt license plates will be processed by the State Division of Motor Vehicles.

“Arapahoe County is honored to serve the men and women who fought for our freedom,” said Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane. “We are proud to serve our veterans closer to home by issuing their first set of exempt military license plates at no cost as a way to recognize and thank them for their service.”

Veterans may visit any Clerk and Recorder branch location in Aurora, Byers, Centennial or Littleton to register a vehicle and apply for the exempt specialty license plates. All specialty plates are mailed within 10 days and are not handed out in county offices.

The exempt speciality military license plates are available for any passenger car, truck under 16,000 lbs empty weight, noncommercial or recreational vehicle, motor home or motorcycle. The vehicle must be titled and registered in the qualifying veteran’s name to qualify. Documentation is required to apply, including proof of insurance, proof of emissions (if applicable), DD 214 or military orders, proof of ownership for the vehicle to be registered, and specific military DR forms. See the County website for application requirements and designs for exempt military license plates.

For more information about titling or registering a vehicle in Arapahoe County, please contact the Clerk and Recorder’s Office at 303-795-4500 or visit www.arapahoegov.com and click on ‘County Services’ and then ‘Motor Vehicle.’ For information about other services available to veterans, please contact the County Veterans Service Office at 303-738-8045.

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