



Ashe County Tax Administration

MOTOR VEHICLE GAP BILLING

What creates a motor vehicle GAP bill?

- ▶ GAP bills are created when the same owner of the vehicle changes the registration period
- ▶ EXAMPLE: Vehicle owners current registration (plate) expires in March. Owner doesn't renew until August. The months between create a GAP in the billed property taxes.
- ▶ The vehicle is unregistered during the GAP in registration.



Does the tax paid when you renew your registration apply to the GAP bill period?

- ▶ No
- ▶ Property tax paid to the NC Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) at the time of registration renewal or issuance are for the same 12-month period as your registration.
- ▶ The taxes billed on a GAP property tax notice are ONLY for the months your vehicle was not registered with NCDMV.



Are the counties required to implement GAP billing?

- ▶ Yes N.C.G.S 105-330.3(2) requires counties to process GAP bills.



How is the value determined for the GAP bill?

- ▶ The value of the vehicle is determined as of January 1st of your most current registered vehicle bill

Can the value be appealed on a GAP bill?

- ▶ Yes
- ▶ Appeals of value, situs (taxable location), and taxability must be filed with the Tax Office within 30 days of the September 1st that follows the date on the GAP tax bill.



How many months can the GAP include?

- ▶ A GAP property tax bill will cover at least 1 month and can cover all months between registrations, without limitation
- ▶ Ashe reports include some registrations that have lapsed from 1 to 36 months and more!
- ▶ All of the lapsed months will be on the GAP bill.

Due date & Interest

- ▶ Taxes are due by the September 1 that follows the date of the GAP bill received.
- ▶ Interest begins to accrue the following January 6.
- ▶ Interest accrues at a rate of 2% in January and $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% for each month thereafter until paid in full.



What collection remedies does the County have on **GAP** billing?

- ▶ Counties have the same collection remedies available as with other outstanding taxes (i.e. garnishment, bank levies, etc.)



When will property owners begin to receive GAP bills?

- ▶ We will begin mailing GAP bills in August 2018 and on a monthly basis thereafter.