

# VEHICLE STICKERS (“WHEEL TAX”) ELIMINATED

## Questions and Answers

**Effective December 1, 2018, the City of Rolling Meadows will no longer require vehicle stickers.**

### **Why did the City eliminate Vehicle Stickers?**

Vehicle Stickers funded a portion of the City’s roadways and infrastructure improvements. After a review of the City’s Vehicle Stickers Program, the City Council approved the elimination of vehicle stickers in order to modernize the City’s operations and to provide more dollars to fund roads. The revenue from vehicle stickers are now replaced with a Natural Gas Use Tax.

### **How long is my current 2018-2019 vehicle sticker valid for?**

The current 2018-2019 Vehicle Sticker is valid until June 30, 2019. Going forward, vehicle stickers are no longer required. This will be your last vehicle sticker you will need to purchase from the City.

### **Will I receive a refund for my vehicle sticker?**

No. The vehicle sticker purchased in 2018 is valid until June 30, 2019. There are no refunds no matter when you purchased the vehicle sticker. The stickers you paid for in 2018 helped fund the 2018 Street Program.

### **How do I estimate the cost of the Natural Gas Use Tax and will I pay more?**

The Natural Gas Use Tax rate is five cents per therm. Refer to your Nicor Gas bill and review the number of therms used each month or annually. This will help you estimate the cost of the Natural Gas Use Tax. *(It depends on your natural gas therm use. Some estimates range from \$20 to \$85 per year for the Natural Gas Use Tax. Vehicle stickers ranged from \$40 to \$120 averaging various household types. It is up to each resident to complete their own estimate.)*

### **Will the Police Department ticket my car if I do not have a vehicle sticker?**

No. Effective December 1, 2018, the City of Rolling Meadows will no longer require vehicle stickers.

### **Where does the cost savings from no longer issuing vehicle stickers go?**

The cost savings from no longer issuing vehicle stickers will go directly to funding roadways and infrastructure improvements.

### **How does eliminating vehicle sticker benefit residents and businesses?**

The elimination of vehicle stickers helps the City modernize our processes. Residents and businesses do not have to remember to purchase their vehicle stickers or stand in line to purchase their vehicle stickers. The Police Department will not ticket for failure to display a vehicle sticker. Businesses will also pay their share towards roadway and infrastructure improvements since most businesses were not required to purchase vehicle stickers.

### **When does the Natural Gas Use Tax go into effect?**

The Natural Gas Use Tax went into effect on December 1, 2018. Nicor Gas Company’s bills will reflect this utility tax each month.