

RCW 46.18.255 Horseless carriage license plates. (Effective until January 15, 2026.) (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a horseless carriage license plate for a motor vehicle that is at least forty years old. The motor vehicle must be operated primarily as a collector vehicle and be in good running order. The applicant for the horseless carriage license plate shall:

- (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle as required under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; and
- (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under RCW 46.17.220(11), in addition to any other fees or taxes required by law.

(2) Horseless carriage license plates:

- (a) Are valid for the life of the motor vehicle;
- (b) Are not required to be renewed;
- (c) Are not transferable to any other motor vehicle; and
- (d) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle. [2020 c 18 s 15; 2011 c 171 s 71; 2010 c 161 s 623.]

Explanatory statement—2020 c 18: See note following RCW 43.79A.040.

Intent—Effective date—2011 c 171: See notes following RCW 4.24.210.

Effective date—Intent—Legislation to reconcile chapter 161, Laws of 2010 and other amendments made during the 2010 legislative session—2010 c 161: See notes following RCW 46.04.013.

RCW 46.18.255 Horseless carriage license plates. (Effective January 15, 2026.) (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a horseless carriage license plate for a motor vehicle that is manufactured or built before January 1, 1916. The motor vehicle must be operated primarily as a collector vehicle and be in good running order. The applicant for the horseless carriage license plate shall:

- (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle as required under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; and
- (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under *RCW 46.17.220(11), in addition to any other fees or taxes required by law.

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- (d) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle. [2025 c 332 s 3; 2020 c 18 s 15; 2011 c 171 s 71; 2010 c 161 s 623.]

***Reviser's note:** RCW 46.17.220 was amended by 2025 c 385 s 4, changing subsection (11) to subsection (14), effective November 1, 2025.

Effective date—2025 c 332: "This act takes effect January 15, 2026." [2025 c 332 s 6.]

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