

CHAPTER 163

COUNTY HIGHWAYS

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163.051 METROPOLITAN COUNTY WHEELAGE TAX.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 2. **Collection by registrar of motor vehicles.** The wheelage tax levied by any metropolitan county, if made collectible by the state registrar of motor vehicles, shall be certified by the county auditor to the registrar not later than August 1 in the year before the calendar year or years for which the tax is levied, and the registrar shall collect such tax with the motor vehicle taxes on the affected vehicles for such year or years. Every owner and every operator of such a motor vehicle shall furnish to the registrar all information requested by the registrar. No state motor vehicle tax on any such motor vehicle for any such year shall be received or deemed paid unless the applicable wheelage tax is paid therewith. The proceeds of the wheelage tax levied by any metropolitan county, less any amount retained by the registrar to pay costs of collection of the wheelage tax, shall be paid to the commissioner of finance and deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the county wheelage tax fund of each metropolitan county.

[For text of subds 2a to 7, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

163.07 COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 2. **Qualifications, salary, and term.** The county highway engineer shall be a registered highway or civil engineer, registered under the laws of the state of Minnesota. The county board may appoint a new county engineer for a term of only one year. All reappointments shall be for a term of four years, and shall be made in May of the year in which the term expires. The county highway engineer shall be a citizen and resident of this state. The county highway engineer's salary shall be fixed by the county board and shall be payable the same as other county officers are paid. The salary shall not be reduced during the county highway engineer's term of office.

[For text of subds 2a to 9, see M.S.2002]

History: 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 15

163.10 [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 1 art 2 s 136]

163.11 POWERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 4a. **Designation as county cartway.** A county board that has vacated a county highway under subdivision 4 may designate, as part of the vacating resolution, the former county highway as a county cartway. A highway designated as a county cartway is a county highway for purposes of this chapter, but the county board may not expend money from its road and bridge fund on the maintenance or improvement of a county cartway unless the county board determines that the expenditure is in the public interest. With the exception of the process provided in subdivision 5a, a county highway right-of-way that has been vacated, extinguished, or otherwise removed from the county highway system may not revert to a town.

[For text of subs 5 to 8, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 9. Transfer of jurisdiction over county highway. Notwithstanding subdivision 5, the county board may transfer jurisdiction and ownership of a county highway to another road authority, an agency of the United States, an agency of the state, or to an Indian tribe upon agreement between the county and the authority, agency, or tribe to which the transfer is being made. Subdivision 5a provides the exclusive method of county highway reversion to towns.

History: *1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 16,17*