

**ALLEN COUNTY CODE TITLE 8
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ARTICLE 9
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING
OF HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES**

8-9-1 Chapter 1: Definitions

8-9-1-1

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) **“Horse Drawn Vehicle”** shall mean any buggy, trailer towed behind a horse drawn or non-motorized vehicle, or other conveyance on wheels, used for the purpose of transporting chattels or persons which generally uses one or more horses as its source of power.
- (b) **“Field Wagons”** are defined as wagons used principally for field work and not typically used in the conveyance of persons or commodities on the roads. As such, they shall be specifically exempt from the definition of Horse Drawn Vehicle, as described above.

8-9-2 Chapter 2: Licensing of Vehicles

8-9-2-1

No person shall cause any Horse Drawn Vehicle to traverse the roads of Allen County unless such vehicle is licensed pursuant to this Article.

- a. Licenses called for herein shall be metallic, consecutively numbered, and have the words “Allen County” and the year of issue prominently displayed thereon, and the owner shall permanently affix the numbered tag to the rear of the Horse Drawn Vehicle.
- b. It shall be unlawful to transfer the numbered metallic tags from one Horse Drawn Vehicle to another Horse Drawn Vehicle, or from one owner to another owner. No refund of any fees is available on sale.
- c. The Highway Department or Township Trustee shall issue a receipt for each numbered metallic tag purchased.
- d. If the aforementioned license is purchased from a Township Trustee, said Trustee may deduct Two Dollars (\$2.00) from the fee authorized by ACC 8-9-2-3. Said fee may be retained personally by such Trustee to reimburse said Trustee or Assessor for expenses incurred in handling the license. Said fee shall not be considered miscellaneous revenue for the township.

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Licenses required by the previous section shall be purchased between January 1 and April 30 of each year for the following May 1 through April 30.

Newly acquired Horse Drawn Vehicles, acquired after April 30 shall be purchased prior to the use of same on the roads. Prorated fees for these licenses shall be as set forth in ACC 8-9-2-3.

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Effective February 21, 2014, the cost of a license purchased between February 21 and April 30, 2014 shall be \$55.00 per Horse Drawn Vehicle.

For Horse Drawn Vehicles purchased after May 1st the fee shall be reduced by dividing the full fee by twelve (12) and multiplying that by the number of full months after April 30th and subtract that from the full fee.

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Any person operating a Horse Drawn Vehicle on the roads of Allen County in violation of this Article shall be subject to penalty of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00. Each day of operation shall constitute a separate violation of this Article.

8-9-3 Chapter 3: Approved Horseshoes

8-9-3-1

Between May 1 and October 31 of each year, no person shall use or allow any horse on any part of a highway having a paved surface if such horse is fitted with tow corks or heel corks or any other shoe extension longer than one-quarter inch (1/4"). For violation of this provision, a person shall pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00

8-9-4 Chapter 4: Wheel Rims

8-9-4-1

No person shall operate a vehicle on any paved road when said vehicle is riding upon wheel rims designed for pneumatic tires when said tires are not also in use. For violations of this provisions, a person shall pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00

8-9-5 Chapter 5: Funds and Fines Collected

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All fees collected pursuant to the Article shall be placed in the County Highway fund. Any and all fines collected pursuant to this Article shall be deposited in the County General Fund.

8-9-6 Chapter 6: Administration

8-9-6-1

Deputies of the Allen County Sheriff's Department and managerial employees of the Allen County Highway Department shall have the right to stop any Horse Drawn Vehicle operating on the roads of Allen County without a license as required by this ordinance and obtain the name of the operator and owner of the Horse Drawn Vehicle. Thereafter, they shall turn the names of said owner and operator over to the Allen County Attorney who shall enforce the violation of this ordinance in accordance with I.C. 36-1-6-1 et seq.

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