New to Cobb County? NEW RESIDENT CHECKLIST

Welcome to Cobb County! We're glad you chose the best county in Georgia to call home. When moving to Cobb County, the first thing you'll want to do is change your address. For efficient transactions with our offices, we recommend you make your address changes in the following order:

US Post Office – USPS.COM

Change your address and set up mail forwarding with the U.S. Postal Service.

Driver's License – DDS.GEORGIA.GOV

You must visit the Department of Driver's Services to update your driver's license within 60 days of moving to your new address.

Vehicle Registration — ESERVICES.DRIVES. GA.GOV

You will need to provide acceptable proof of residency at your current address or your updated Georgia Driver's license to complete your address change. You can complete the address change form online. When you change the primary address on your registration, you may keep your old address as a mailing address.

Homestead Exemptions – COBBTAX.ORG

If you had exemptions in another county or state, provide a letter stating those exemptions were removed before applying for Cobb County exemptions.

Applications must be U.S. postmarked or received by April 1 to receive the exemption for that tax year. Applications not received by the April 1 deadline are processed for the following year. We do not accept metered or kiosk postmarks as proof of timely mailing.

Eligible residents may receive tax savings.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS TYPE:

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 \$10,000 Basic Homestead Exemption Valued at \$262.40 in previous years Includes \$2,000 exemption in the state tax category

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- Age 62 School Tax Exemption Exempt from all county school taxes
- Age 65 \$4,000 Exemption (\$10,000 income limitation)
- Age 65 Senior Citizens Exemption
 Exempt from all state property taxes on
 residence and up to 10 acres surrounding the
 residence

MAIN PROPERTY TAX OFFICE

736 Whitlock Ave, Ste. 100 Marietta, GA Mon-Fri • 8AM - 5PM



MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES

NORTH COBB 2932 Canton Rd Marietta, GA Mon-Fri • 8AM - 5PM *Kiosk: 8AM - 5PM* EAST COBB 4400 Lower Roswell Rd Marietta, GA Mon-Fri • 8AM - 5PM *Kiosk: 24 Hours*

3858 Kemp Ridge Rd

Mon-Fri • 8AM - 5PM

WEST COBB

Acworth, GA

SOUTH COBB

4700 Austell Rd Austell, GA Mon-Fri • 8 AM - 5 PM *Kiosk: 24 Hours*

CARLA JACKSON Tax Commissioner

HEATHER WALKER Chief Deputy



SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE Moving to Cobb County From Out-of-State

Getting a car tag sounds simple, but it can be tedious if you are not familiar with state protocol. Use the following state requirements and steps to make your first experience in Cobb a success:

- Bring the current out-of-state title along with a completed Georgia Title Application (dor.georgia.gov/ mv-1-dor-motor-vehicle-titletag-application) to one of our offices. A new Georgia title will be mailed from the GA Dept of Revenue to the registered owner's address listed on the MV-1 form or the lienholder (if applicable). Please note that if the title is held by a lien holder, additional documents may be required. For more information, cobbtax.org/motor_vehicles/titling.php.
- If your loved one comes into our office, we can help him/her complete the above form. However, if not, it needs to be completed with signatures from all vehicle owners or the designated POA.
- The designated POA of the vehicle owner(s) may come in and submit transactions on behalf of the owner(s) by having the owner(s) execute a limited Power of Attorney (POA) for motor vehicle transactions (dor.georgia.gov/t-8-limited-power-attorneymotor-vehicle-transactions).
- Also note, vehicles will need GA insurance and a passed emissions test in order for us to complete the registration and issue a tag. If the vehicle is 10 years or older, the vehicle is driven 5,000 miles or less yearly, and the owner is over the age of 65, please visit <u>cleanairforce.com/motorists/waivers-extensions-exemptions/senior-exemptions/</u> as an emission exemption may be available.
- In addition to a \$20 tag fee and an \$18 title fee, new residents are also required to pay a one-time title ad valorem tax (TAVT) of 3% of the car's value as determined by the GA Dept of Revenue. To estimate TAVT due, go to the 'Estimates' box at <u>eservices.drives.ga.gov/_/#1</u>. Then be sure to click 'yes' under residency to get an estimate based on the reduced new resident rate.
- Once we have the out-of-state title and the paperwork to get a GA title, you can pay the fees and we can register the vehicle and issue a tag and decal while you are in the office.
- If the vehicle owner is disabled, a disabled parking permit or license plate may be issued. For more information, visit <u>cobbtax.org/motor_vehicles/disabled_placards.php</u>.

This list is provided as a guide to help make it easier to complete all necessary transactions in one stop. In certain circumstances, additional documentation and/or information may be required. Visit <u>cobbtax.org</u> to get answers to your tax-related questions.

WELCOME TO COBB COUNTY!



DID YOU KNOW?

You can renew your vehicle registration at a self-service tag kiosk! Locate a <u>local kiosk</u>. Skip the line and go online! Use <u>Georgia DRIVES e-Services</u> to renew your vehicle registration, pay insurance fines, change address, apply for a tag, and more!