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**BY:** .....

Town of Brownsburg  
Grant Kleinhemz Town Manager  
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Re: Hendricks County Wheel Tax

The Hendricks County Council is considering an increase to the Local Option Highway User Tax (County Ordinance No. 2002-01 Amended) implemented in 2003. With road construction and maintenance costs rising and no foreseeable assistance from Congress or the Legislature, local agencies must utilize all options available to maintain existing road systems at a serviceable level. The willingness of the County Council to implement the Wheel Tax when they did has given all of Hendricks County an advantage over many agencies that don't have this revenue source.

As adopted, the Ordinance established a rate of \$20 per vehicle for both the surtax and the wheel tax. \$25 is the maximum that can be collected from the surtax (passenger vehicles,) the wheel tax can be up to \$40 (large and commercial vehicles.) Using 2010 registration and distribution data from the State, it is estimated that an increase of \$5 per vehicle for both the surtax and the wheel tax would result in an overall increase of \$753,535, which after distribution will be an increase to your town of \$91,390.42. Increasing to the *maximum* allowable rates will result in a total increase of \$1,027,124, which would mean \$124,571.94 for your town.

The duty to adopt and modify a LOHUT rests with the County Council. However, before taking action they would like input from the Towns to gage support for an increase. The Council would appreciate hearing your perspective.

Very truly yours,

John E. Ayers, P.E.  
Hendricks County Engineer

Cc: Board of Commissioners  
County Council  
Curt Higginbotham