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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS

**Please note:** Filing for an excise abatement does not excuse the payment of the excise tax. It is recommended that you pay the tax and then request the abatement. If not paid you will be subject to demand, interest charges and fees and you may lose your right to renew your license and/or Registration.

### PROOF OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VEHICLE AND LICENSE PLATE REQUIRED

- **SOLD YOUR CAR:** A COPY OF THE BILL OF SALE, OR A COPY OF THE SIGNED TITLE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE **AND** A COPY OF THE CANCELLED PLATE RECEIPT
- **TRADED IT IN FOR A NEW ONE:** A COPY OF THE **BILL OF SALE** FOR THE NEW VEHICLE SHOWING THE TRADE IN, YEAR, MAKE AND VIN # **AND** TRANSFER OF PLATE OR PLATE CANCELLATION RECEIPT
- **JUNKED:** A DATED **RECEIPT FROM THE JUNKYARD** SHOWING THE YEAR, MAKE AND VIN # **AND** A COPY OF THE CANCELLED PLATE RECEIPT
- **CAR TOTALED:** THE LETTER FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY STATING THE DATE OF TOTAL LOSS, YEAR, MAKE AND VIN # **AND** A COPY OF THE CANCELLED PLATE RECEIPT
- **DONATED:** RECEIPT FROM THE ORGANIZATION LISTING THE YEAR, MAKE AND VIN# **AND** A COPY OF THE CANCELLED PLATE RECEIPT
- **MOVED TO ANOTHER STATE:** YOU NEED TO FURNISH A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FROM THE STATE YOU MOVED TO, YOUR MA CANCELLED PLATE RECEIPT AND YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS

**A PLATE RETURN RECEIPT IS NEEDED IF YOU CANCELLED YOUR PLATE.**

IF YOU TOOK THE VEHICLE OFF THE ROAD BUT ARE STILL IN POSSESSION OF IT, YOU STILL OWE THE EXCISE UNTIL THE CAR IS SOLD, JUNKED, ETC.

This information can be sent via mail, fax or email to [assessing@town.harwich.ma.us](mailto:assessing@town.harwich.ma.us). Thank you!