



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ADDITIONAL VEHICLES MAY NOW QUALIFY FOR TAX RELIEF BEGINNING IN 2017**

Orange County, VA – The Orange County Commissioner of the Revenue, Renee L. Pope, announced today that because of legislative changes that took place in the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly, additional vehicles may now qualify for Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTF) from the Commonwealth of Virginia beginning in 2017.

The action by the General Assembly changed the registration requirements for personal use trucks with a gross weight between 7,501 to 10,000 pounds. As of January 1, 2017, for non-prorating localities like Orange County, these vehicles must be reclassified as pickups, require standard passenger license plates, and no longer qualify for truck license plates. This change will mostly affect owners of three-quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) ton and one (1) ton pickup style trucks that are not used for business, but rather as personal vehicles.

Once a vehicle has been successfully reclassified with DMV as a pickup before January 1, 2017, it may then qualify for Personal Property Tax Relief in 2017. The change does not apply to vehicles registered for business use. If a truck is registered for business use, no action is required.

Vehicles can be reclassified by calling the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at (804) 497-7100 or by visiting a local DMV customer service center.

For additional information or assistance, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at (540) 672-4441.

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