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Additional vehicles may now qualify for tax relief beginning in 2017

Woodstock, VA --- Shenandoah County Commissioner of the Revenue, Kathleen A Black, announced today that due to legislative changes that have taken place in the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly, additional vehicles may now qualify for Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTR) 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 and 10,000 pounds. As of January 1, 2017, for non-prorating localities like Shenandoah 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 reclassified with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as a pickup before January 1, 2017, it may then qualify for personal property tax relief in tax year 2017. Contact the Shenandoah County Commissioner of the Revenue office for more details. The change does not apply to vehicles registered for business use. If a truck is registered for business use, no action on your part is required. You can reclassify your vehicle by calling DMV at (804) 497-7100 or by visiting your local DMV customer service center.

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