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New Stickers to be affixed to County Gas Pumps

A new sticker will soon be affixed to most gas pumps in Richland County. These stickers itemize the state and federal taxes included in a gallon of fuel in order to keep the consumer informed.

The stickers are required by last year's State Transportation Budget, which also raised the State of Ohio's tax on gasoline by 10 cents per gallon on July 1st, 2019. The State of Ohio's diesel fuel tax was increased by 19 cents per gallon. Proceeds from these tax increases are used to maintain and upgrade the Ohio's roads and bridges.

The stickers are an informational tool that will provide the consumer with relevant information pertaining to the price of a gallon of fuel. The County Auditor's office considers this to be a way of providing some transparency to the consumer.

The sticker will show a breakdown of federal, state and local taxes (if any) that are being levied on gasoline and diesel fuels, along with the total tax amount being charged to the consumer. Per the new law, the stickers were created and paid for by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, thereby no local county taxes were used in this process.

The stickers will be affixed by the Richland County Auditor's office in accordance to the new law and updated thereafter (if necessary) upon routine inspections conducted by the Auditor's Weights and Measure employee. These stickers must be placed on the gas pumps within Richland County by September 2020, however, owners of the gas stations may choose to place a placard on the entrance to the interior of the station (the front door), incorporate the information on their electronic signs, or print the information on the receipt. The County Auditor's will update any stickers affixed to the gas pumps as necessary.

For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Richland County Auditor's office at 419-774-5501.

Sincerely

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