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Car Registration, Emissions Testing and I-PASS in Schaumburg: 2026 Guide

The village requires no vehicle sticker, but it does have an overnight parking ban. State title and plates, the free emissions test, local taxes and tolls.

SHORT ANSWER

You do not need a vehicle sticker, and the village says so outright: the village does not require vehicle stickers, but vehicles should be current in their registration with the Illinois Secretary of State. So the city sticker Chicago requires has no equivalent here, and there is no annual vehicle tax of the Evanston kind either. That leaves the state side: within 30 days a title is \$165 plus plates at \$151. Cook County requires a free emissions test every two years.

1. First, the question people ask most: there is no sticker

A reader arriving from our Chicago guide reasonably looks for a sticker, because in Chicago it is an annual obligation. The village's [New Resident Guide](#) is clear in one sentence: the village does not require vehicle stickers. Its [taxes and fees list](#) has no vehicle charge for residents either. The village also requires no dog or cat license, though pets do have to be registered with Cook County.

- **The one exception is commercial vehicles:** taxis and limousines registered in the village must hold an annual \$105 Public Passenger Vehicle License, renewed December 31, with a safety inspection from one of four village-approved shops and proof of insurance. Finance 847-923-4546.
- **A license that no longer exists:** the village's old chauffeur's license was eliminated on January 14, 2025 by resolution 25-006. Old pages online that mention it are out of date.
- **If you commute into Chicago:** you do not need a Chicago city sticker if you do not live there, but watch the residential parking zone signs when you park in the city.

2. The state side: insurance, title and plates

- 1 **Get Illinois insurance first.** Minimum coverage is \$25,000 (injury or death of one person), \$50,000 (more than one person) and \$20,000 (property damage). Keep the card in the car. Driving uninsured costs at least \$500 and your plates are suspended.
- 2 **Go to the Golf Road facility.** 1227 E. Golf Rd. handles titles, new registrations, title transfers, registration renewals and sticker replacements. Sticker renewal is walk-in; because the page is unclear on the title and new registration lines, book an appointment.

- 3 Bring the documents and the form.** Form VSD-190, the original out-of-state title (if a lender holds the title, copies of the title, registration and bill of sale plus the loan agreement), the odometer reading, the VIN and signatures. Illinois titles do not need notarization.
- 4 File the tax form.** A vehicle titled and registered elsewhere for at least 3 months before you moved is exempt from Illinois tax, but you still file the form that shows the exemption (RUT-50 for a private sale, RUT-25 for an out-of-state dealer).
- 5 Use your Schaumburg address.** Toll invoices, plate renewal reminders and emissions notices all go to the address on file with the SOS.

ITEM	AMOUNT
Title (first issue)	\$165
Standard passenger plate and annual renewal	\$151
First transaction total (title plus plate)	\$316
Motorcycle plate	\$41
Duplicate title	\$50
Emissions test	free
Schaumburg vehicle sticker	none, the village does not require one
Metra station parking	\$2.00 a day · monthly permit \$36 · quarterly \$90

Emissions testing: all of Cook County is covered

- The test is every two years, **free** and walk-in, run by Illinois Air Team stations, kiosks and mobile units on behalf of the state environmental agency.
- We could not verify the address of the station nearest Schaumburg, so check by plate or VIN on the [Illinois Air Team](#) station finder, or call 844-258-9071.
- If your car is covered and has not been tested, the plate will not renew; get the test done well before your renewal month.

3. No sticker, but there is a parking rule

The easiest way for a newcomer to get a ticket in Schaumburg is on-street parking: **parking on the street is banned from 2:30 a.m. to 6 a.m.** If you have a guest or the car will not fit in the garage you can get permission: dial 311 inside the village or fill in the permission form online. So there is no sticker to worry about, but do not leave the car on the street on your first night.

Metra parking is the village's job, not Metra's

- It is \$2.00 a day. The north lot has four payment kiosks (coins, bills, Visa, MasterCard and Discover; no change given and no refunds), or you pay through the Passport Parking app: zone 60193, a \$0.40 app fee

per transaction, voice payment 847-380-4332. **Your license plate is your ticket.**

- You can leave a car up to 14 days, overnight parking is allowed and weekends are not free. If you want a permit it is \$36 a month or \$90 for three months; a permit is tied to the plate and can be printed for up to four vehicles, but only one may park at a time. Buy it online or at the Finance counter.
- **Watch the south lot:** the lot on the south side of the station is not in Schaumburg but in Roselle, and it runs on an entirely different system: the operator is SP+ Parking (773-714-9262), payment is through the ParkMobile app or 877-727-5004, zone 218, and there you have to remember your space number. Paying through the wrong app is easy, so check which side you parked on.
- Metra Station Drive, the exit from the north lot onto Rodenburg Road, opened on September 10, 2025; older maps may not show it. Transportation division 847-923-3861.

Tolls: I-PASS and the toll you missed

I-90 (the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway) runs along the village's northern edge, and the Illinois Tollway is fully electronic with no cash lanes. On the Tollway rate schedule, paying without a transponder costs twice the I-PASS rate. You will use the same network for the airport, for trips out of state and for anything to the northwest, so a transponder genuinely pays here. Current rates are on the [Tollway rate page](#); daytime (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and overnight rates differ.

- **I-PASS:** a prepaid account. The transponder is free from a Tollway customer service center or can be ordered online; retailers such as Jewel-Osco and Road Ranger charge a service fee. A transponder bought online or at a store has to be activated (1-800-824-7277). Auto replenish keeps extra charges from building up.
- **If you missed a toll:** opening a Pay By Plate account within 14 days of the trip lets you backdate to your first trip with no penalty and no extra charge. It works for rental cars, borrowed cars and visitors too. Tolls are charged to the card twice a week and can take up to 30 days to appear.
- **If you miss the 14 days:** an invoice reaches your mailing address 30 days after the unpaid toll, with more at 60 and 90 days, and the first adds \$3 per toll for passenger vehicles.
- **Upgrading:** you can convert a Pay By Plate account into an I-PASS account in the settings. Customer service 1-800-824-7277.
- **Do not let a balance build up:** the SOS lists toll debt among the reasons a license is suspended and charges a \$70 reinstatement fee.
- **On the bus the toll is not your problem:** Pace's 600, 606 and 607 express routes from Schaumburg also use I-90. But route changes were announced in 2025 and 2026 for roadworks on I-90 and Algonquin Road, so check the route page before you set out.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

- For someone moving from Chicago the clearest saving is this: the annual sticker payment and the risk of a late penalty disappear. But the state side is unchanged, and the 30-day clock on title and plates runs.
- Update your address with the SOS within 10 days of moving; that is a separate task from the AR-11 you file with USCIS.
- Budget the first year up front: \$316 for title and plates, plus insurance, and \$2 a day if you commute by Metra. With no U.S. credit history the first insurance quotes can be high, so get quotes from several companies.



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