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Governor

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Secretary

December 18, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Motor Fuels and Alternative Fuels Licensees

**FROM:** John D. Panza, Director *John D. Panza*  
Excise Tax Division

**RE:** Motor Fuels and Alternative Fuels Tax Rate  
January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-449.80, the Secretary of Revenue may use the annual energy index percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) for October of the current year released in November or the equivalent to calculate the motor fuels tax rate for the coming year. The BLS will not publish October data for 2025 due to the recent government shutdown.

The BLS has published the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for November of the current year released in December. This data will be used as an equivalent in calculating the motor fuels and alternative fuels tax rate. Therefore, the Secretary has determined that the motor fuels and alternative fuels excise tax rate for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, will be 41.0 cents per gallon or gallon equivalent.

In addition, the inspection tax will remain at 0.0025 cents per gallon or gallon equivalent.

If you have any questions, please contact the Excise Tax Division at (919) 707-7500 or toll free at (877) 308-9092.

