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New federal rule extends odometer disclosure requirement to 20 years;

Disclosure rule applies to vehicles model years 2011 and newer

If you are selling or buying a vehicle model year 2011 or newer, the Laramie County Clerk's office wants you to know about a new federal odometer disclosure rule that takes effect January 1, 2021. Vehicles of model years 2011 and newer will now be subject to an odometer disclosure for 20 years instead of 10. The new rule doubles the amount of time odometer readings must be declared at the time of a vehicle sale.

Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee said the new rule is intended to combat odometer fraud as the nation's fleet ages. The average age of a vehicle in the U.S. is now almost 12 years, up from 7.6 years when odometer rules were last changed in 1988.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's rule, effective January 1, 2021, requires vehicles of model years 2011 and newer to have an odometer disclosure. Previously, model year 2011 vehicles would have been exempt from odometer disclosure in 2021. Under the new rule, the odometer reading must be disclosed at the sale of a 2011 vehicle until 2031. Vehicles for model years 2010 and earlier are exempt from the odometer requirement.

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According to the Clerk's office, the new rule means used vehicle dealers will now be required to disclose odometer readings on a greater number of vehicles.

“As a result of the federal rule change, beginning January 1, 2021, our office will not accept paperwork for sales of vehicles 2011 or newer unless the odometer disclosure is completed,” said Lee. “We want our customers to know about the new federal requirement so they can avoid repeat visits to our office. Buyers and sellers both need to make sure their title paperwork is properly completed.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website, “the increased age of vehicles, the changes in the used car market prompted by vehicle longevity, the relative ease with which modern odometers may be rolled back and the known trends in odometer fraud support extending the exemption to 20 years.”

For more information on the new federal rule and what it means for buyers and sellers of vehicles of model years 2011 and newer, visit the County Clerk's titles page at

https://www.laramiecountyclerk.com/auto_titles.aspx .

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