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November 29, 1927.

Mr. E. M. Whitworth,  
Supt. Motor Vehicle Division,  
Arizona State Highway Department,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 27th inst. requesting an opinion as to the license fee to be charged new car dealers.

The Highway Code does not require dealers in new cars to pay a license fee. In the case of used car dealers a license fee is required. This fee, however, has no connection with the license fee paid for the right to operate a motor vehicle, but is a fee paid for the right to do business.

Chapter III Section 22 (c) provides for the issuance of number plates to dealers in lieu of the registration of each vehicle. No special provision is made as to the fee to be charged. The law provides the fee to be paid upon registering a vehicle. This provision in respect to new car dealers is in lieu of registration. Each set of plates should then be considered as though a car were being registered, and the fee collected which is required when a car is registered.

Very truly yours,

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