

Garages.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 228. 1912, sec. 166. 1916, ch. 704, sec. 166. 1920, ch. 294.
1931, ch. 535. 1939, ch. 674.

264. No person, firm, company or corporation, resident or non-resident, in this State shall keep a garage or open-air garage for the hire, storage or sale of automobiles until they shall first have obtained a license therefor, and shall pay an annual license fee based upon the square foot area of each floor for each garage, or in the case of an open-air garage, upon the square foot area of the space used for garage purposes as herein provided, viz:

Garage containing not more than 1600 square feet.	\$15.00
Those containing more than 1600 square feet, and not more than 2000 square feet.	20.00
Those containing more than 2000 square feet, and not more than 3000 square feet.	30.00
Those containing more than 3000 square feet, and not more than 4000 square feet.	55.00
Those containing more than 4000 square feet, and not more than 5000 square feet.	75.00
Those containing more than 5000 square feet, and not more than 7500 square feet.	125.00
Those containing more than 7500 square feet, and not more than 10,000 square feet.	200.00
For every additional 1000 square feet or fractional part thereof the sum of \$10.00 additional.	

A garage, or open-air garage, as used within the terms of this section shall mean a place of storage for hire or a place where is kept for hire any automobile, locomobile, or any vehicle of any kind the motive power of which shall be electricity, steam, gas, gasoline or any other motive power except animals and aircraft, whether such automobile, locomobile or vehicle is kept therein permanently or temporarily, but wherever such garage has included within the building a machine shop, which machine shop is definitely defined by permanent partitions in the building, the space occupied by the same shall be exempted from taxation under this section.

In computing the license fees according to the provisions of this section, there shall be deducted from the total floor space of such garages a space fifteen feet wide and extending the entire length or depth of the garage, in all cases where a space is required by law or any official regulation to be kept open. In case of garages having more than one floor, a similar deduction shall be made for each floor. There shall be a deduction from the total space contained in open-air garages in computing the tax on open-air garages, which may be occupied over their entire area, provided that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to repeal any local ordinance enacted for the public safety.

Automobile sales room is not a garage within restrictive covenant prohibiting public garage. *Legum v. Carlin*, 168 Md. 191.

Sales room for motor vehicles, not used for hire or storage for hire, not garage within meaning of this section. Construction of act in body of act. Title sufficient. *Motor Co. v. State*, 147 Md. 234.