



Texas Department of Transportation

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78779-0001 • (512) 465-7611
June 27, 2008

The Honorable County Judge J.D. Salinas, III
Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano, 2nd Fl.
Edinburg, Texas 78539

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Re: Imposition of Optional Fees

COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Salinas.

Annually, the department contacts each county to determine the Commissioners Court's intentions with respect to the collection of optional local fees in addition to the registration fee for the new calendar year. Please complete and return the enclosed form to indicate your county's intentions to retain, change or discontinue the collection of optional fees for calendar year 2009.

Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code, relating to the registration of vehicles, gives counties the option of imposing optional local fees in addition to the registration fee. Vehicles registered with certain plates not requiring a registration fee are exempt from these optional fees. Provided below is a brief description.

- **County Road and Bridge Fee (Section 502.172)** – An optional additional fee not to exceed \$10.00, for registering a vehicle in the county. This fee is used for the upkeep of county roads and bridges.
- **Child Safety Fee (Section 502.173)** - An optional additional fee of not less than 50 cents or more than \$1.50, for registering a vehicle in the county. This fee is used for providing school crossing guard services, with remaining money used for programs to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition; including child abuse intervention and prevention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention.
- **Transportation Project (Mobility) Fee (Section 502.1725 – (Cameron and Hidalgo Counties only)** – An optional additional fee not to exceed \$10.00, for registering a vehicle in the county. This fee is used to fund long term transportation projects in the county.

The Commissioners Court are statutorily required to notify the department by September 1 each year when revising optional fees. If your response indicates a change in fee or adds a fee, please enclose the original court order in your returned response. We request that these items be mailed and postmarked no later than August 15. Enclosed is a fee chart, indicating your county's current optional fee(s).

If you have any questions regarding the imposition of optional fees, please contact Steve Palmer, Correspondence Services Branch Supervisor, at (512) 465-7596 or Mike Craig, Deputy Director, at (512) 465-7570. Thank you very much for your timely response.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Davio, Ph.D., Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

Enclosures

cc: Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E., Executive Director, TxDOT
Denise Pittard, Government and Public Affairs Division, TxDOT
County Tax Assessor-Collector VTR Administration

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Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year 2009

We respectfully request that you indicate below your county's intentions for collection of these fees for calendar year 2009 (January 1 through December 31, 2009) in accordance with Texas Transportation Code, Sections 502.172, 502.1725, and 502.173.

For calendar year 2009, Hidalgo County will:

1. Retain the current County Road and Bridge Fee of \$_____. (maximum: \$10)
(No court order required)
2. Retain the current Optional Mobility Fee of \$_____. (maximum: \$10)
(No court order required)
3. Retain the current Child Safety Fund Fee of \$_____. (maximum: \$1.50)
(No court order required)
4. Impose a new County Road and Bridge Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
5. Impose a new Optional Mobility Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
6. Impose a new Child Safety Fund Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
7. Discontinue the County Road and Bridge Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
8. Discontinue the Optional Mobility Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
9. Discontinue the Child Safety Fund Fee of \$_____.
(Original court order required)
10. Impose TOTAL 2009 fees of \$_____.

Changes shown in items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and/or 9 require submittal of an original County Commissioner's Court Order noting this change.

Please return this completed form in the enclosed postage-paid self-addressed envelope as soon as possible, but not later than **August 15, 2008**. A faxed response to (512) 465-3034 will also be acceptable. If you are available to be contacted electronically for future mailings, please provide your e-mail address below. Thank you.

E-Mail Address: _____

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