

Office of Tax Assessor - Collector  
**COUNTY of HIDALGO**

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Attn: Victor Garza, Contracts and Civil Litigation Section

Subj: Request for Legal Approval, Scofflaw Inter-local agreement with City of Weslaco

Dear Mr. Garza,

As mentioned in prior meetings, several cities are interested in combining the city's and county's efforts in the collection of delinquent fines and fees. We are requesting legal approval to proceed with the request to execute an inter-local agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Weslaco for Scofflaw vehicle registration denial services.

Transportation code:

Sec. 702.003. REFUSAL TO REGISTER VEHICLE. (a) A county assessor-collector or the department may refuse to register a motor vehicle if the assessor-collector or the department receives under a contract information from a municipality that the owner of the vehicle has an outstanding warrant from that municipality for failure to appear or failure to pay a fine on a complaint that involves the violation of a traffic law.

Scofflaw warrants that failed to appear or failed to pay an outstanding fine or fee will be put into the County's internal database. The city of Weslaco has passed a resolution allowing them to execute the agreement. Each traffic violation issued by the city will state that if the person fails to appear in court as provided by law for the violation, that person might not be permitted to register a motor vehicle in this county.

Commissioner's Court Agenda Item,

Caption:

Discussion, consideration, and approval to execute an inter-local agreement between the County of Hidalgo and the City of Weslaco for implementation of scofflaw procedures and processes for vehicle registration denial services.



**Tax Office Sub-Stations**

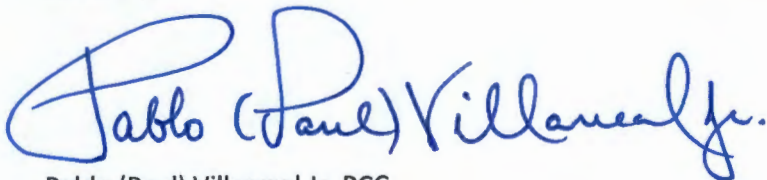
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Purpose of the Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to state the terms and conditions under which the County Tax Assessor-Collector may refuse to register certain motor vehicles. The County Tax Assessor-Collector will receive information from the City that the owner of the vehicle has an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for failure to pay a fine on a complaint that involves a violation of a traffic law as defined by Texas Transportation Code Section 702.001(3).

This exact same contract was given legal approval by your office when we went into agreement with the City of Pharr this time last year. That agreement was approved by our Commissioners on November 17, 2015. If legal approval is received, we will place this item on commissioners' court for consideration and approval. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Santos Castilleja III at 956-289-7458.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr. PCC  
Hidalgo County Tax Assessor Collector

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Cc: Valde Guerra, Hidalgo County Executive Officer of Commissioners Court  
Cc: Josephine Ramirez, Assistant District Attorney  
Cc: Victor Garza, Assistant District Attorney  
Cc: Eva Mireles, Tax Office Chief of Operations  
Cc: Santos Castilleja III, Motor Vehicle Manager  
Cc: Gabriel Ochoa, Motor Vehicle Accountant/Internal Auditor  
Cc: Claudia Salinas, Motor Vehicle Scofflaw Compliance Specialist