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Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:12 PM
To: Santos Castilleja
Cc: Paul Villarreal; Valde Guerra; Josephine Ramirez; Victor Garza; Eva Mireles; Gabriel Ochoa; Claudia Salinas
Subject: Re: Request for Legal Approval, Scofflaw Inter-local agreement with the City of Weslaco

Good Afternoon Mr. Castilleja,
As requested, this office has reviewed the scofflaw agreement between the County and the City of Weslaco and approves it as to form.
Thank you,

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On Tue, Nov 20, 2018 at 10:59 AM santos castilleja <santos.castilleja@hidalgocountytax.org> wrote:

November 16, 2018

The Honorable Ricardo Rodriguez
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Attn: Robert Vina, Contracts and Civil Litigation Division

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

Dear Robert Vina,

The City of Weslaco would like to continue to participate in the County Scofflaw Program. Their contract term has expired and they are very interested in continuing to combine the city's and county's efforts in the collection of delinquent fines and fees. We are requesting legal approval to proceed with their request to execute the new 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.

Individuals with scofflaw warrants that failed to appear or failed to pay an outstanding fine or fee will be put into the County's internal scofflaw database. The City of Weslaco has shown interest by passing a resolution allowing them to execute the agreement on November 06, 2018. 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 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.

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 or 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). The term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years(s) and this Agreement shall automatically renew for two (2) additional one year terms.

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,

Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr. PCC

Hidalgo County Tax Assessor Collector

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