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Subject: Re: Request for Legal Approval, Scofflaw Inter-local agreement with the City of Edcouch

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

Thank you
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On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 3:22 PM santos castilleja <santos.castilleja@hidalgocountytax.org> wrote:

February 19, 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 Edcouch

Dear Robert Vina,

The City of Edcouch would like to join the County Scofflaw Program. They are very 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 Edcouch 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 Edcouch has shown interest by passing a resolution allowing them to execute the agreement on February 07, 2019. 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 Edcouch 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).

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

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