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Re: Request for Legal Approval, ScofflawInter-local agreement with the City of Donna

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

Respectfully
Robert Viña III

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On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 5:12 PM Santos Castilleja <santos.castilleja@hidalgocountytax.org> wrote:

February 05, 2020

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 Donna

Dear Robert Vina,

The City of Donna would like to continue to be part of the County Scofflaw Program. The city is very interested in continuing to combine 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 Donna 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 database. The City of Donna has shown interest by signing a contract and passing a resolution allowing them to execute the agreement on January 15, 2020. If approved, 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 may 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 Donna for implementation of scofflaw procedures and processes for vehicle registration denial services.

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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 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 discussion 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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