

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

DEALER DEPUTY AGREEMENT



This Agreement is made by and between the COUNTY OF HIDALGO, by and through its Tax Assessor-Collector, hereinafter referred to as "County", and **CONTINENTAL IMPORTS, INC. DBA MERCEDES-BENZ OF SAN JUAN**, hereafter referred to as "DEALER DEPUTY".

WHEREAS, Dealer Deputy desires to act as an agent of the County to provide motor vehicle titling and registration services, and;

WHEREAS, public processing will be furthered by the ability of Dealer Deputy to directly provide motor vehicle titling and registration services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the obligations and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the County and Dealer Deputy hereby agree as follows:

1. The County agrees to provide point of sale supplies to the Dealer Deputy needed for issuance of motor vehicle titling and registration services to the public upon the terms and conditions hereof. Dealer Deputy must hold a valid general distinguishing number ("GDN") under Transportation Code, Chapter 503, Subchapter B and may act as a dealer deputy only for a type of motor vehicle for which the Dealer Deputy holds a GDN. Dealer Deputy agrees to comply with the requirements of the Web Dealer System of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. All necessary equipment will be maintained by the Dealer Deputy.
2. In order to guarantee the faithful performance of the duties of the Dealer Deputy hereunder and to insure that all funds coming into the possession or control of the Dealer Deputy by virtue of this Agreement are paid over to the County, the Dealer Deputy agrees to post a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000.00 naming the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector as obligee on said bond or post a cash deposit with the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector in the amount of \$100,000.00. If the Dealer Deputy elects to post a bond, said bond shall be continuous in form, and subject to termination only with thirty (30) days written notice to the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector and shall be issued by a surety company or financial institution acceptable to the County.
3. The Dealer Deputy shall have its person in charge of local operations and all employees of the Dealer Deputy who handle or in any way assist in motor vehicle titling and registration services take an oath of deputation to be given by the County to serve as authorized agents for the issuance of license registration stickers and license plates. The Dealer Deputy shall not allow any of its officers, agents, or employees to participate in any manner in the handling or processing motor vehicle titling and registration services until said officer, agent or employee has been deputized by the County, and until all Dealer Deputy personnel involved

in motor vehicle titling and registration services are trained in accordance with the County qualifications, and follow all training programs of the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector Officer before processing motor vehicle titling and registration services.

4. The Dealer Deputy shall, in writing, designate one or more of its employees who have been deputized to serve as a receiving agent for the Dealer Deputy. The County agrees it will not furnish any point of sale equipment and supplies for the account of the Dealer Deputy other than directly to the Dealer Deputy's receiving agent. The Dealer Deputy assumes full liability for the safekeeping of all license registration stickers, license plates, and supplies furnished by the County to the Dealer Deputy's receiving agents.
5. All motor vehicle titling and registration equipment, supplies and funds received in the Dealer Deputy's custody shall be insured against burglary and robbery by the Dealer Deputy.
6. The Dealer Deputy shall collect the fees prescribed by the County for each motor vehicle titling and registration transaction issued (including applicable Road and Bridge Fees & RMA Fees County of Hidalgo). Fees collected for the motor vehicle titling and registration services by the Dealer Deputy shall not be commingled with any other funds in the possession of the Dealer Deputy. Registration stickers, license plates that are unaccounted for will be hand delivered to and signed for by designated Tax Assessor-Collector office personnel. All packages of registration sticker and license plates inventory must be accounted for before additional boxes are issued. All unassigned registration sticker inventory and license plates must be accounted for. Missing inventory will be considered sold or lost and will be charged to the Dealer Deputy at a rate of \$84.00 for each missing registration sticker and \$6.50 per each missing license plate.
7. The Dealer Deputy may accept individual checks and cash in payment of fees for the issuance of registration stickers and license plates provided that checks are made payable to the Dealer Deputy, and provided, further, that Dealer Deputy assumes full responsibility for collection for all such checks. Dealer Deputy shall be responsible for collecting on all Non-Sufficient Funds checks. Dealer Deputy shall allow on a daily basis, the County, to initiate debit transactions from the Dealer Deputy's financial institution. Said ACH fund debit shall not include the \$10.00 title convenience fee Dealer Deputy charges and collects as compensation for providing motor vehicle titling and registration services which processing fee will not exceed the amount pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 10, Chapter 217, Subchapter H, Rule section 217.168. Failure by the Dealer Deputy to allow the required access to the County for sums owed for motor vehicle titling and registration services via daily ACH transfer to the County shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement.

8. The Dealer Deputy is subject to audit by the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector, Hidalgo County Auditor, the State of Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, the Comptroller of the State of Texas, any certified public accountant, or any other person or entity designated by any one or more of the same, at any time during normal business hours of the Dealer Deputy, at the place of business of the Dealer Deputy designated in this Agreement. The Dealer Deputy's receiving agent shall be present and shall make available at the place of the audit all supplies or forms required.
9. The Dealer Deputy shall deliver as often as required by the County a motor vehicle titling and registration services report in the form required by the County. Any report which is not in order and which does not balance or conform to the usual requirements will be returned to Dealer Deputy in its entirety for correction or clarification or may result in immediate termination of this Agreement.
10. Dealer Deputy shall, upon receiving a delivery of license plates and registration sticker inventory from the County, verify that the shipping invoice matches the number of license plates and sticker inventory packages delivered before using any of the supplies. Any discrepancies will be reported immediately in writing to the County.
11. Any changes in the ownership of Dealer Deputy must be immediately reported in writing to the County. Any such changes will automatically nullify this Agreement and a new agreement must be executed by the new owner(s) if the new owner(s) desires to continue to act as a dealer deputy. It will also be necessary to audit any supplies on hand and a closing report shall be made by the current owner.
12. Dealer Deputy will provide access to the authorized representatives of the County to the area where license registration stickers and license plates are sold and stored, and will provide the necessary assistance requested in auditing or checking license stickers or supplies.
13. Dealer Deputy will verify Proof of Texas Liability Insurance, when applicable, before selling a license registration sticker and license plate.
14. In order to serve as a dealer deputy, Dealer Deputy agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, and requirements of the County, as may from time to time be amended and all rules and regulations of the State of Texas, as may be amended relating to motor vehicle titling and registration services.
15. This Agreement may be voluntarily terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the party. If the Agreement is terminated in accordance with this numbered paragraph 15 or for any other reason, the Dealer Deputy shall return to the County all equipment and all outstanding inventories of stickers and

license plates, together with supplies and payment for stickers issued and a final report within twenty four (24) hours after the termination date along with any and all funds owed to the County under this Agreement.

16. Breach of any obligation to be performed by the Dealer Deputy shall constitute a breach of this entire Agreement and shall give County the right to immediately terminate this Agreement. The parties hereto agree that any breach by the Dealer Deputy shall be considered a substantial breach, and Dealer Deputy shall be notified by the County of such breach by certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon the receipt of notice, (which shall be deemed delivered on the third day after mailing) Dealer Deputy shall have twenty four (24) hours to return to the County all equipment, registration stickers, license plates, supplies, payment for registration stickers and/or plates issued, and final report to the County at the location in numbered paragraph 19 hereof.
17. In the event that any audit or report of the Dealer Deputy discloses that any equipment, supplies, stickers, license plates or funds are missing or otherwise unaccounted for, the County Tax Assessor and County Auditor shall be notified immediately, and the County is entitled to collect on the bond or cash deposit for payment and apply the proceeds therefrom against the actual damages incurred by the County or any of its agents, employees, or public officials. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by the County for breach by the Dealer Deputy in accordance with numbered paragraph 16 herein or other breach by the Dealer Deputy, and the Dealer Deputy fails to return equipment, funds, stickers, license plates supplies within the time allowed in numbered paragraph 15 hereof, the County shall be entitled to retain proceeds of the bond or cash deposit stated in paragraph 2 hereof as liquidated damages or, in the alternative, shall be entitled to seek recovery of actual damages.
18. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon receipt by the County of the bond and/or cash deposit herein referred to, and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter until terminated in accordance with the terms hereof. This Agreement shall be effective upon the date of execution by the last party to execute, and shall supersede any other prior Agreements.
19. Any notices given under this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing and mailed either by Registered or Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the parties as follows:

COUNTY: Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr.  
Hidalgo County  
Tax Assessor-Collector  
2804 S. Bus. Hwy 281  
P.O. Box 178  
Edinburg, Texas 78540-0178

DEALER DEPUTY: **CONTINENTAL IMPORTS, INC.**  
**DBA MERCEDES-BENZ OF SAN JUAN**  
**400 E IH 2**  
**SAN JUAN, TX 78589**

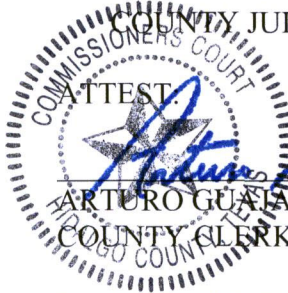
20. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and all prior agreements, written or oral, are hereby superseded. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified, except in writing signed by the Hidalgo County Tax Assessor-Collector. No official, agent, or employee of the County has the authority, expressed or implied, to orally amend or modify this Agreement. This Agreement may not be assigned by Dealer Deputy.
21. **THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND VENUE SHALL BE IN HIDALGO COUNTY TEXAS.**

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL THIS THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

BY: *Richard F. Cortez*  
RICHARD F. CORTEZ  
COUNTY JUDGE

BY: *Pablo (Paul) Villarreal Jr.*  
PABLO (PAUL) VILLARREAL JR.  
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

TEST.  
*Arturo Guajardo Jr.*  
ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
COUNTY CLERK



DEALER DEPUTY:

**CONTINENTAL IMPORTS, INC.**  
**DBA MERCEDES-BENZ OF SAN JUAN**  
**P154082**  
**400 E IH 2**  
**SAN JUAN, TX 78589**

APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: *7/1/19*

BY: *[Signature]*  
PRINTED NAME: *Timothy Shook, COO*