



June 29, 2011

The Honorable County Judge

Re: Imposition of Optional Fees

Your Honor:

All county Commissioners Courts are statutorily required to notify the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles each year regarding the collection of optional fees (Texas Transportation Code, Sections 502.172, 502.1725, and 502.173).

Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code gives counties the authority to impose optional local fees in addition to the registration fee. The following is a brief description of these local fees collected when a vehicle is registered in the county:

County Road and Bridge Fee (Section 502.172):

- optional additional fee, not to exceed \$10
- used for the upkeep of county roads and bridges

Child Safety Fee (Section 502.173):

- optional additional fee, not less than 50 cents or more than \$1.50
- used to provide school crossing guard services
- remaining money used for programs to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition including child abuse intervention and prevention and drug and alcohol abuse prevention

Transportation Project (Mobility) Fee (Section 502.1725) – (**Cameron and Hidalgo Counties only**):

- optional additional fee, not to exceed \$10
- used to fund long-term transportation projects in the county

Review the attached chart, “2011 County Road and Bridge Fees/Child Safety Fee by County,” then complete the attached “**Imposition of Optional Fees**” form. If you retain the same optional fees for calendar year 2012, complete OPTION A. If you change any of the optional fees for calendar year 2012, complete OPTION B and return the form with a scanned electronic copy of the Commissioner’s Court Order.

Deadline: Please return the attached “**Imposition of Optional Fees**” form and scanned copy of the Commissioner’s Court Order, if applicable, by e-mail on or before **August 15, 2011**, to DMV_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov , or fax to (512) 467-5909.

Please contact Anita Orr with the Registration Services Branch at (512) 302-2077 if you have questions regarding the imposition of optional fees. Thank you for your timely response.

Sincerely,

Randy Elliston, Director
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

cc: County Tax Assessor-Collectors