



Texas Department of Transportation

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78779-0001 • (512) 465-7611

July 3, 2009

The Honorable County Judge

Re: Imposition of Optional Fees

Dear Honorable Judge:

The Commissioner's Court is statutorily required to notify the department when revising the collection of optional county fees. Please review the attached 2009 Schedule of County Road and Bridge Fees and Child Safety Fees by County.

If you plan to retain these same fees for calendar year 2010, please complete and return OPTION A of the attached "**Imposition of Optional Fees**" form, or simply send a "**No Change**" electronic reply to AskVTR@dot.state.tx.us.

If you plan to revise any of the optional fees for 2010, please complete and return OPTION B and a copy of the Commissioner's Court Order.

Project Background:

Counties have the statutory authority under Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code to impose optional local fees in addition to the registration fee. Vehicles registered with certain plates not requiring a registration fee are exempt from these optional fees. The following is a brief description of these local fees:

- **County Road and Bridge Fee** ([Section 502.172](#)):
 - optional additional fee not to exceed \$10,
 - collected when registering a vehicle in the county
 - used for the upkeep of county roads and bridges
- **Child Safety Fee** ([Section 502.173](#)):
 - optional additional fee of not less than 50 cents or more than \$1.50
 - collected when registering a vehicle in the county
 - 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
 - collected when registering a vehicle in the county
 - used to fund long-term transportation projects in the county.

Deadline:

Please return the attached "Imposition of Optional Fees" form by **August 15, 2009**, or **simply e-mail us at AskVTR@dot.state.tx.us** if you have no changes to your local fees.

If you have any questions regarding the imposition of optional fees, please contact our Correspondence Services Branch at (512) 465-7626 for assistance. Thank you for your timely response.

Sincerely,



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Vehicle Titles and Registration Division

cc: Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E., Executive Director, TxDOT
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County Tax Assessor-Collector
VTR Administration



Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year 2010

INSTRUCTIONS: As soon as possible but no later than August 15, 2009, please complete and return this form via e-mail to AskVTR@dot.state.tx.us or fax your response to (512) 465-3034. If you have completed **Option B**, be sure to attach a copy of the required Commissioners Court Order.

All county Commissioners Courts are statutorily required to notify the department each year **when revising** the collection of optional fees (Texas Transportation Code, Sections 502.172, 502.1725, and 502.173).

Your County Name: Fort Bend County _____
(be sure to include the name of your county on the line above)

If you are **not changing** your optional fees, please check the box next to **OPTION A** below and return this form.

OPTION A - RETAIN THE SAME FEE AS 2009

NOTE: A copy of the Commissioners Court Order is NOT required for this option.

OR...

If you are **changing** your optional fees, please check the box next to **OPTION B** below and complete items 1 through 5 with the Commissioners Court approved changes.

OPTION B - REVISE THE FEES FOR 2010 (Complete the applicable items below)

NOTE: **A copy of the Commissioners Court Order IS required** for optional fee changes.

The Commissioners Court has approved the following optional fee changes for calendar year 2010 (January 1 through December 31, 2010):

1. Impose a new County Road and Bridge Fee of \$_____ (not to exceed \$10)
2. Impose a new Child Safety Fund Fee of \$_____ (not to exceed \$1.50)
3. Discontinue the County Road and Bridge Fee of \$_____
4. Discontinue the Child Safety Fund Fee of \$_____
5. Impose TOTAL 2010 fees of \$_____

If you wish to be contacted electronically for future mailings, or provide an alternate e-mail address, please provide it here:

Thank you.

2009 Schedule of County Road and Bridge Fees and Child Safety Fund Fee by County

County	R&B	CSF	County	R&B	CSF	County	R&B	CSF	County	R&B	CSF
ANDERSON	\$10.00		DIMITT	\$10.00	\$1.50	KARNES	\$10.00		REAGAN	\$10.00	
ANDREWS	\$5.00		DONLEY	\$10.00		KAUFMAN	\$10.00	\$1.50	REAL	\$10.00	
ANGELINA	\$10.00		DUVAL	\$10.00		KENDALL	\$10.00	\$1.00	RED RIVER	\$10.00	
ARANSAS	\$10.00		EASTLAND	\$10.00		KENEDY	\$0.00		REEVES	\$7.50	
ARCHER	\$10.00		ECTOR	\$10.00		KENT	\$0.00		REFUGIO	\$10.00	
ARMSTRONG	\$10.00		EDWARDS	\$10.00		KERR	\$10.00		ROBERTS	\$5.00	
ATASCOSA	\$10.00		ELLIS	\$10.00		KIMBLE	\$10.00		ROBERTSON	\$10.00	\$1.50
AUSTIN	\$10.00		EL PASO	\$10.00		KING			ROCKWALL	\$10.00	
BAILEY	\$10.00		ERATH	\$10.00		KINNEY	\$10.00		RUNNELS	\$10.00	
BANDERA	\$10.00		FALLS	\$10.00		KLEBERG	\$10.00		RUSK	\$10.00	
BASTROP	\$10.00		FANNIN	\$10.00		KNOX	\$10.00		SABINE	\$10.00	
BAYLOR	\$10.00		FAYETTE	\$10.00		LAMAR	\$10.00		SAN AUGUSTINE	\$10.00	\$1.50
BEE	\$10.00		FISHER	\$10.00		LAMB	\$10.00		SAN JACINTO	\$10.00	\$1.50
BELL	\$10.00	\$1.50	FLOYD	\$10.00		LAMPASAS	\$10.00	\$1.50	SAN PATRICIO	\$10.00	\$1.50
BEXAR	\$10.00	\$1.50	FOARD	\$10.00		LA SALLE	\$10.00		SAN SABA	\$10.00	
BLANCO	\$10.00	\$1.50	FORT BEND	\$10.00	\$1.50	LAVACA	\$10.00		SCHLEICHER	\$10.00	
BORDEN	\$0.00		FRANKLIN	\$10.00		LEE	\$10.00		SCURRY	\$10.00	
BOSQUE	\$10.00		FREESTONE	\$10.00		LEON	\$10.00		SHACKELFORD	\$10.00	
BOWIE	\$10.00		FRIO	\$10.00	\$1.50	LIBERTY	\$10.00		SHELBY	\$10.00	
BRAZORIA	\$10.00		GAINES	\$0.00		LIMESTONE	\$10.00		SHERMAN	\$10.00	
BRAZOS	\$10.00	\$1.50	GALVESTON	\$10.00		LIPSCOMB	\$10.00		SMITH	\$10.00	\$1.50
BREWSTER	\$10.00		GARZA	\$7.50		LIVE OAK	\$10.00		SOMERVELL	\$5.00	
BRISCOE	\$10.00		GILLESPIE	\$10.00	\$1.50	LLANO	\$10.00	\$0.75	STARR	\$10.00	
BROOKS	\$10.00		GLASSCOCK	\$0.00		LOVING	\$0.00		STEPHENS	\$10.00	
BROWN	\$10.00		GOLIAD	\$10.00		LUBBOCK	\$10.00		STERLING	\$0.00	
BURLESON	\$10.00		GONZALES	\$10.00		LYNN	\$10.00		STONEWALL	\$10.00	
BURNET	\$10.00		GRAY	\$10.00		MADISON	\$10.00		SUTTON	\$10.00	
CALDWELL	\$10.00		GRAYSON	\$10.00		MARION	\$10.00		SWISHER	\$10.00	
CALHOUN	\$8.00		GREGG	\$10.00		MARTIN	\$10.00		TARRANT	\$10.00	
CALLAHAN	\$10.00		GRIMES	\$10.00		MASON	\$10.00		TAYLOR	\$10.00	
CAMERON	\$10.00		GUADALUPE	\$10.00		MATAGORDA	\$10.00		TERRELL	\$5.00	
CAMP	\$10.00	\$0.50	HALE	\$10.00		MAVERICK	\$10.00	\$1.50	TERRY	\$10.00	
CARSON	\$10.00		HALL	\$10.00		MCCULLOCH	\$10.00	\$1.50	THROCKMORTON	\$10.00	
CASS	\$10.00		HAMILTON	\$10.00		MCLENNAN	\$10.00		TITUS	\$10.00	
CASTRO	\$10.00		HANSFORD	\$10.00		MCMULLEN	\$0.00		TOM GREEN	\$10.00	\$1.50
CHAMBERS	\$10.00		HARDEMAN	\$10.00		MEDINA	\$10.00		TRAVIS	\$10.00	\$1.50
CHEROKEE	\$10.00		HARDIN	\$10.00		MENARD	\$10.00		TRINITY	\$10.00	\$1.50
CHILDRESS	\$10.00		HARRIS	\$10.00	\$1.50	MIDLAND	\$10.00		TYLER	\$10.00	\$1.00
CLAY	\$10.00		HARRISON	\$10.00		MILAM	\$10.00		UPSHUR	\$10.00	
COCHRAN	\$10.00		HARTLEY	\$10.00		MILLS	\$10.00		UPTON	\$5.00	
COKE	\$10.00		HASKELL	\$10.00		MITCHELL	\$10.00		UVALDE	\$10.00	
COLEMAN	\$10.00		HAYS	\$10.00		MONTAGUE	\$10.00		VAL VERDE	\$10.00	
COLLIN	\$10.00	\$1.50	HEMPHILL	\$5.00		MONTGOMERY	\$10.00		VAN ZANDT	\$10.00	
COLLINGSWORTH	\$10.00		HENDERSON	\$10.00		MOORE	\$10.00		VICTORIA	\$10.00	
COLORADO	\$10.00		HIDALGO	\$10.00		MORRIS	\$10.00		WALKER	\$10.00	
COMAL	\$10.00	\$1.50	HILL	\$10.00		MOTLEY	\$10.00		WALLER	\$10.00	
COMANCHE	\$10.00		HOCKLEY	\$10.00		NACOGDOCHES	\$10.00		WARD	\$0.00	
CONCHO	\$10.00		HOOD	\$10.00		NAVARRO	\$10.00		WASHINGTON	\$10.00	
COOKE	\$10.00		HOPKINS	\$10.00		NEWTON	\$10.00		WEBB	\$10.00	
CORYELL	\$10.00		HOUSTON	\$10.00		NOLAN	\$10.00		WHARTON	\$10.00	
COTTLE	\$10.00		HOWARD	\$10.00		NUECES	\$10.00		WHEELER	\$5.00	
CRANE	\$0.00		HUDSPETH	\$10.00		OCHILTREE	\$10.00		WICHITA	\$10.00	
CROCKETT	\$5.00		HUNT	\$10.00		OLDHAM	\$10.00		WILBARGER	\$10.00	
CROSBY	\$10.00		HUTCHINSON	\$10.00		ORANGE	\$10.00		WILLACY	\$10.00	
CULBERSON	\$10.00		IRION	\$10.00		PALO PINTO	\$10.00		WILLIAMSON	\$10.00	\$1.50
DALLAM	\$10.00		JACK	\$10.00		PANOLA	\$0.00		WILSON	\$10.00	
DALLAS	\$10.00		JACKSON	\$10.00		PARKER	\$10.00		WINKLER	\$7.50	
DAWSON	\$10.00		JASPER	\$10.00		PARMER	\$10.00		WISE	\$10.00	
DEAF SMITH	\$10.00		JEFF DAVIS	\$10.00	\$1.50	PECOS	\$10.00		WOOD	\$10.00	
DELTA	\$10.00		JEFFERSON	\$10.00		POLK	\$10.00	\$1.50	YOAKUM	\$10.00	
DENTON	\$10.00	\$1.50	JIM HOGG	\$10.00	\$1.50	POTTER	\$10.00		YOUNG	\$10.00	
DEWITT	\$10.00		JIM WELLS	\$10.00	\$1.50	PRESIDIO	\$10.00		ZAPATA	\$5.00	\$1.50
DICKENS	\$10.00		JOHNSON	\$10.00		RAINS	\$10.00	\$1.50	ZAVALA	\$10.00	\$1.50
			JONES	\$10.00		RANDALL	\$10.00				

NOTE: Cameron and Hidalgo Counties impose and additional \$10 Transportation Project Mobility Fee.

From: "AskVTR" <AskVTR@dot.state.tx.us>
To: "Ann Werlein" <werleann@co.fort-bend.tx.us>
Date: 8/11/2009 1:49 PM
Subject: Re: Imposition of Optional Fees - FORT BEND COUNTY (AutomatedResponse)

Thank you for writing us. Helping customers is our top priority. We answer every email we receive, but sometimes the volume of correspondence delays our reply. Last year, it was our privilege to answer almost 1.9 million customer inquiries. Our goal is to reply to your inquiry within 5 working days.

If you need immediate assistance, please contact our customer call center at (512) 465-7611. You may also contact one of our regional offices, which are listed on www.txdot.gov.

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Fort Bend County is making NO CHANGE in the collection or the amount of optional fees for calendar year 2010.

thank you...

Ann Werlein
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