



Texas Department of Transportation

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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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