



Compliance and Investigations Division • 8550 Eastex Fwy • Beaumont, Texas 77708.

April 23, 2021

The Honorable Martha Stone, TAC Sabine County Tax Assessor-Collector 213 Market St. Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Ms. Stone:

On April 22, 2021, the Compliance and Investigations Division conducted an inventory of accountable plates and placards along with a compliance review of the county's motor vehicle and titling services.

The inventory concluded with **no discrepancies** between our physical count and the RTS Inventory Inquiry Report. Copies of the report(s) were provided onsite.

The compliance review concluded with **no concerns** as it pertains to your office operations.

When performing a review, field service representatives examine areas of internal controls through a risk-based approach to identify and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The findings from this review were then communicated to you and/or your management staff through an exit conference. Three recommendations were provided for consideration, based on the items discussed through the exit conference:

- Strengthen title examination procedures to verify the accuracy of title transactions.
- Rely on your Beaumont RSC for continued guidance and additional training and support to streamline internal processes.
- Consult your representative from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for guidance regarding the collection of gift and trailer sales tax.

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As always, our Division is here to provide continuous support. If you have any questions you may contact me at (409) 895-3216.

Sincerely,

Joi Dinolfo, Field Service Representative CID Field Services Section

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