July 23, 2025

Re: Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year (CY) 2026

To the Honorable County Judge:

County commissioners courts are statutorily required to notify the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) each year regarding the imposition or removal of optional fees. Notice must be made to TxDMV each year by September 1<sup>st</sup>, with new fees taking effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. This letter and attachments will provide information on how to submit the CY 2026 notification to TxDMV. The following is a brief description of the optional county fees from Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code:

County Road and Bridge Fee (Section 502.401):

- May not exceed \$10; and
- · Revenue must be credited to the county road and bridge fund.

Child Safety Fee (Section 502.403):

- May not exceed \$1.50; and
- Revenue must be used for school crossing guard services; remaining funds must be used for programs to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition, including child abuse intervention and prevention, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention, among other purposes.

Transportation Project Fee (Section 502.402):

- Applies to Bexar, Brazos, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo and Webb counties ONLY;
- May not exceed \$10 (or \$20 for those meeting population requirements under subsection (b-1)); and
- Revenue must be used for long-term transportation projects.

Please complete and return the attached Imposition of Optional Fees form. If your county will keep the same optional fees for CY 2026, please select OPTION A. If your county will change fees, please select OPTION B and include a copy of a commissioners court order.

**DEADLINE**: Please return the form and commissioners court order, if applicable, by Tuesday, September 2, 2025, by email to: DMV\_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov (note the underscore between DMV and Optional).

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany McGehee, Registration Services, (512) 465-1346. Thank you for your timely response.

Sincerely,

Annette Quintero, Director Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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Attachments

cc: County Tax Assessor-Collectors



## Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year (CY) 2026

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return this form (including a court order, if required) to the TxDMV via email at: DMV\_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov Please submit at your earliest convenience, but no later than Tuesday, September 2, 2025. COUNTY NAME: SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION BELOW: OPTION A – No change. This county will charge the same fees in CY 2026. STOP Submit this form to TxDMV. A copy of a commissioners court order is NOT required. OR ■ OPTION B – The commissioners court has approved fee changes for CY 2026. Enter amounts for each fee, even those that did not change. Enter zero (0), if necessary. CY 2024 fees to be collected by your county: Road and Bridge Fee: Child Safety Fee: Transportation Project Fee (applicable to Bexar, Brazos, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo and Webb counties only): Total fee amount to be collected in CY 2026: For OPTION B, submit this form and a copy of the court order to TxDMV.

We appreciate your response. Thank you.