

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Resolution, Opposing the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Proposed Rule Changes – Commissioners Court

On **May 23, 2016**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Keith Self
Susan Fletcher
Cheryl Williams Not Present
Chris Hill
Duncan Webb Not Present

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

During such session the court considered adoption of the following resolution opposing the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles proposed rule changes to Chapter 217, Texas Administrative Code, regarding vehicle title and registration fees.

WHEREAS, the Board of the Department of Motor Vehicles is proposing rule changes to Chapter 217, Texas Administrative Code, regarding vehicle title and registration fees; and

WHEREAS, legislative discussions on the legislation authorizing the change from a statutory fee schedule to a fee schedule set by the agency included assurances that the change would not result in a revenue loss to counties; and

WHEREAS, in the case of Collin County, the proposed fee schedule appears to violate that understanding; and

WHEREAS, the study acknowledges concerns raised in high growth counties that the compensation fees already do not match the increases in transaction volume over time; and

WHEREAS, the TTI study also indicates that the proposal will cost counties more than the revenue provided, requiring counties to subsidize the vehicle registration and title process; and

WHEREAS, despite assurances that the proposed rules would offset the revenue loss to counties, the department's own data indicates that the proposed changes will cost Collin County approximately \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, an arbitrary cap on the amount that title service providers may charge also threatens that successful public-private partnership, which will increase county costs to perform this function if the title service providers cease to operate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Collin County Commissioners Court opposes final adoption of the proposed rule changes to Chapter 217 unless fees to be retained by counties are adequate to cover the costs and prevent an unfunded mandate; and be it further resolved that fees retained by title service providers not be arbitrarily capped preventing those service providers from saving counties money.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23RD day of May, 2016.



Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Not Present

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Not Present

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court
Collin County, T E X A S