

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING THE INSCRIPTION AND MARKING OF COUNTY VEHICLES, EXEMPT VERSUS NON-EXEMPT LICENSE PLATES, AND OTHER MATTERS

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. INSCRIPTION/MARKING.

1. Requirement of Inscription/Marking. Section 721.004 of the Texas Transportation Code requires all county vehicles to be inscribed/marked.

2. Commissioners Court Authority to Exempt. Section 721.005(b) of the Texas Transportation Code allows for the Commissioners Court to exempt vehicles from the inscription/marketing requirement under the circumstances set forth therein. Exemption is discretionary with the Commissioners Court. The exemptions primarily pertain to use for an "official duty" of law enforcement/criminal justice.

3. Presentation and Approval by the Commissioners Court Required for Exemption.

(a) From the date of this Order forward, all vehicles owned by Collin County must be inscribed/marked in accordance with Section 721.004 of the Texas Transportation Code unless expressly exempted by the Collin County Commissioners Court. This includes existing vehicles which must be presented to the Commissioners Court within 60 days of this Order.

(b) The elected official/department head or their designee must make a request in writing to the Commissioners Court for exemption from the inscription/marketing requirements for each vehicle. The application shall set forth the reasons for the request.

(c) The request will be considered by the Commissioners Court at a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court.

(d) The Commissioners Court shall review the request and determine in its discretion whether or not to grant the exemption from inscription/marketing. The decision of the Commissioners Court is final.

(e) Until the Commissioners Court rules, a newly acquired vehicle (acquired after the date of this Order) may not be used in the office's/department's operations unless it is inscribed/marked.

(f) The request submitted to the Commissioners Court shall also identify whether the vehicle is a take-home vehicle and the reasons for it being a take-home vehicle.

B. TAKE-HOME VEHICLES.

If an employee is assigned a take-home vehicle, such must serve a legitimate public purpose of Collin County, and not be merely for the convenience/personal use of the employee.

C. EXEMPT TAGS.

All County vehicles must have exempt tags except if used by law enforcement under an alias for covert criminal investigations. Any other non-exempt tag classifications must be approved by the Commissioners Court.

D. INCLUSION IN VEHICLE POLICIES.

This Order shall be included in the vehicle policies of Collin County.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Chris Hill, County Judge

Darrell Hale, Commissioner, Pct 3

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct 1

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct 4

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct 2

ATTEST: Stacey Kemp, County Clerk