

## **Brazos Tax Assessor Announces Partnership to Expand Registration Services**

Residents of Brazos County will soon have another way of renewing their vehicle registration. Beginning November 22, motorists can drop by their local HEB and Kroger Grocery stores and obtain their windshield stickers at the customer service desk. There will be 7 subcontractor locations offering the service to Brazos County Residents.

"We have been working on this project for almost two years," said Kristeen Roe, Brazos County Tax Assessor Collector. "Residents will be able to renew their registration when it's convenient for them, anytime the service desk is open at the HEB or Kroger in their neighborhood. Currently, residents are able to register their vehicles in person at the Tax Office in downtown Bryan, or mail their registration renewals to the tax office, or register their vehicles online. The last two options are time consuming and involve the registration renewal stickers to be mailed to the resident. This new service will expand the options for residents to obtain that vehicle registration sticker in person, as well as extending the hours when vehicle registration will be available.

This service is limited to Brazos County vehicle owners who have received a Registration Renewal Notice from the Texas Department of Transportation. The registration cannot be processed at the subcontractor locations without the registration renewal, if the vehicle registration is already expired, or if the vehicle requires new license plates. Just like registering the vehicle at the County Tax Office or by mail, current liability insurance coverage is also required.

The equipment for the project is leased from the state and is used to document the information on the State renewal notice when processed at the stores. The customer will be charged an additional \$1.00 (similar to the mail in fee) which is the subcontractor's (HEB or Kroger) fee. The customer will be provided a windshield sticker specific to their vehicle. The subcontractors will then export the renewal information and submit it to the County Tax Office. The Tax Office will balance and review the exports, then enter the registrations into the state's registration and title system.

We are very excited to partner with these local businesses to make vehicle registration more convenient to Brazos County residents. This is just one more way the Tax Office can expand our service options without adding to the county budget.

### **REQUIREMENTS AND DIFFERENCES:**

- 1. Customer must have the 3 part registration renewal notice from the Department of Motor Vehicles.**
- 2. The vehicle registration cannot be expired. Vehicles that are even one day past registration will have to submit their renewals to the Tax Office for process.**
- 3. Customer must show current liability insurance on the vehicle to be registered.**
- 4. Customer must be a Brazos County resident to register their vehicle.**
- 5. Payment will be made to the subcontractor (HEB or Kroger) instead of to the Tax Assessor-Collector when registering at the grocery chains.**
- 6. If the registration renewal indicates "NEW PLATES" must be issued, the customer cannot renew at the subcontractor location, but may register the vehicle online or by mail.**
- 7. Due to the time lapse between the registration renewal by the subcontractor and the submission to the Tax Office for processing, there will be a time when law enforcement will not be able to verify the registration. Customers must make sure to keep the registration receipts in their vehicles when registering vehicles at the local businesses.**