

# MORE WAYS TO RENEW YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OR TRANSFER A VEHICLE



## Full Service Contractor

**Title Transfers, Registration Renewals~ Extended Hours**

**Cameron County Auto Registration Services with two locations at**

4670 Southmost Rd

Brownsville, TX 78521

Phone: (956) 574-0479

813 E Grimes

Harlingen, TX 78550

Phone: (956) 425-3100

For More Information visit [www.cameron-cars.com](http://www.cameron-cars.com)



## Subcontractors available for Renewal Only

- HEB Grocery Stores
  - Stores Countywide



- A&V Lopez Stores located at
  - 2814 International Blvd, Brownsville
  - 1679 Hwy 100, Los Fresnos



BORDER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

- A-MEX located at
    - 1609 E. Price Rd., Brownsville
- (956)544-5000



# **BUYERS BEWARE!**

## **CONSUMERS BE CAUTIOUS**

### **WHEN PURCHASING A MOTOR VEHICLE**



The Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, the Cameron County Automobile Crimes Enforcement Task Force, and the South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force urge consumers to be cautious when purchasing a motor vehicle. In order to register a Motor Vehicle in Cameron County, Texas, the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The vehicle title must be registered in the name of the seller.
2. Purchaser and seller must each sign both the title and the title application form (Form 130-U is available at the Cameron County Tax Office or at [www.tx.mvd.gov](http://www.tx.mvd.gov)).
3. A bill of sale, invoice, or purchase order (for out of state vehicles).
4. A copy of buyer's current US issued Identification.
5. Proof of current automobile insurance will be required.
6. Vehicles bought from anyone other than a licensed car dealer are subject to sales tax on the vehicle's Standard Presumptive Value.

When purchasing a vehicle from a licensed Texas dealer, the dealer is required to complete all the paperwork necessary to title and register the vehicle in your name within 30 days of the date you purchased the vehicle to avoid penalties. Be especially cautious when purchasing a vehicle from an individual. A consumer who buys a vehicle from a person that is not a licensed Texas dealer runs a risk that:

- The vehicle may be stolen;
- The vehicle may be a salvaged, reconditioned, or flood damaged vehicle;
- You may not be able to get a clear title;
- The vehicle may have a lienholder who has not been paid;

For more information contact the CCACETF at 956-544-0800, or to report a stolen vehicle phone our Hotline at 956-574-8162, Crime Stoppers at 956-350-5551, Toll Free at 1-866-350-5551, or 956-548-TIPS

A valid US issued ID is required when renewing the vehicle registration.

**OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR  
CAMERON COUNTY**

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| Brownsville<br>Main Office<br>964 E. Harrison<br>(956) 544-0800<br>FAX: 544-0808<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm   | Harlingen<br>Branch Office<br>3302 Wilson Road<br>(956) 427-8013<br>FAX: 427-8017<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm | San Benito<br>Branch Office<br>1390 W. Expway 83<br>(956) 361-8232<br>FAX: 361-8235<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm              | Los Fresnos<br>Branch Office<br>745 W. Ocean Blvd<br>(956) 233-4494<br>FAX: 233-6154<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm              | La Feria<br>Branch Office<br>200 Industrial Way<br>(956) 797-3075<br>FAX: 797-9239<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm |
| Port Isabel<br>Branch Office<br>505 Highway 100<br>(956) 943-8101<br>FAX: 943-0184<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm | Rio Hondo<br>Branch Office<br>125 W. Colorado<br>(956) 748-2345<br>FAX: 748-4622<br>From 8:00am - 4:30pm  | Brownsville Southmost<br>Branch Office<br>2900 Southmost Road<br>(956) 574-8176<br>FAX: 574-8176<br>From 8:00am - 4:00pm | Brownsville Westside<br>Branch Office<br>1763 Military Highway<br>(956) 542-5854<br>FAX: 542-6673<br>From 8:00am - 4:00pm |  |

**OFFICES COUNTYWIDE TO BETTER SERVE YOU**

**PAYMENTS OPTIONS:** Taxpayer may pay the total amount due by cash, check, credit card, or make partial payments. Partial payments do not qualify for discounts in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 31.07(c), unless an entire taxing entity is paid in full. If total current tax is paid by January 31, no penalty and interest is charged. Any current amounts not paid by January 31 will begin to draw penalties and interest until paid. Taxpayer may establish an Escrow Account, or sign a payment agreement by June 30 for current year taxes only, to avoid paying an attorney collection fee. A four-payment option is available for individuals who are disabled or at least 65 years of age with a residential homestead exemption. This plan spreads property tax bill over four payments in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 31.031.

**PAYMENTS IN PERSON:** If you wish to pay in person, you may pay at any of the above locations. Drive Thru windows are located at our Brownsville Main Office (on East Van Buren between East 10th Street and 8th Street), Port Isabel, Los Fresnos, and Harlingen Branch Offices. Drive-thru transactions are limited to three (3) per vehicle to expedite traffic flow. Business Hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm.

**DROP OFF BOXES 24/7:** Tax payments may be dropped-off at the Drop-Off-Boxes located at the Brownsville Main Office (on East Van Buren between East 10th Street and 8th Street), Port Isabel Branch Office and Los Fresnos Branch Office located above. Payments dropped off after business hours and next day before 8:00am will be processed with the previous day's date. All payments dropped off after 8:00am will be processed the next business day.

**PAYMENTS BY MAIL:** Mail must be postmarked for the month in which payment is due in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 1.08 (Check must include current driver license #). If we have to return your payment for any reason (error in amount, check not signed, etc.) the postmark date of your reply envelope is the controlling date.

**PENALTY AND INTEREST:** Taxes on this statement are delinquent if not paid prior to February 1 of each year and will have Penalty and Interest added as shown in the front of this statement in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 33.01 (a). Also, "A delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one (1) percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid".

**On April 1 of each year, all delinquent personal property taxes** are turned over to a tax attorney for collection. At that time, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.30 (c) and Sec. 33.11, an attorney's fee and collection expense will be added. Also, on July 1 of each year, all delinquent real estate taxes are turned over to a tax attorney for collection. At that time, in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 6.30 (c) and Sec. 33.07, an attorney's fee and collection expense will be added. (Please refer to the back of the Original Tax Statement regarding the percentage of individual attorney fees by taxing unit).

**Late Rendition Penalty:** Texas Property Tax Code Sec 22.28 (Penalty for Delinquent Report) states that "the chief appraiser shall impose a penalty on a person who fails to timely file a rendition statement or property report required by this chapter in an amount equal to 10 percent of the total amount of taxes imposed on the property for that year by taxing units participating in the appraisal district." Also stated, "The assessor shall add the amount of the penalty to the original amount of tax imposed on the property and shall include that amount in the tax bill for that year."

**Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 31.01(g)** states that "failure to send or receive a tax bill does not affect the validity of the tax, penalty or interest, the due date, the existence of a tax lien, or any procedure instituted to collect a tax."

**Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 33.045** states that, "If you are 65 years of age or older or are disabled and the property described in this document is your residence homestead, you should contact the appraisal district regarding any entitlement you may have to a postponement in the payment of these taxes."

**Cameron Appraisal District (CAD)** uses the same account number for all taxing entities. The CAD is a separate local agency and is not part of County Government or the Cameron County Tax Office.

**GENERAL INFORMATION: EXEMPTIONS:** Exemptions are very limited and do not apply to all taxing jurisdictions. Review carefully the Exemptions (if any) which are shown on your statement. The CAD decides; what property is to be appraised, it's appraised value, whether to grant exemptions, who the property owner is and their address, and what taxing jurisdictions can tax the property. If there are any changes to any of the items listed above, please contact the Cameron Appraisal District at P.O. Box 1010, 2021 Amistad Drive, San Benito, TX. 78586 **(956) 399-9322, 541-3365 or 428-8020 or [www.cameroncad.org](http://www.cameroncad.org)**

**INTERNET PAYMENTS 24/7:** Can be made by going to [www.cameroncountytax.org](http://www.cameroncountytax.org) a convenience fee will be charged based on a fee schedule.

**Discover, Master Card, Visa and Internet Check (iCheck).**  
***THERE ARE NO SPLIT PAYMENTS ALLOWED***

**MAIL PAYMENTS TO:**

**TONY YZAGUIRRE JR.  
TAX ASSESSOR – COLLECTOR  
P.O. BOX 952  
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 78522-0952**



**ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED OVER THE  
COUNTER AT ALL TAX OFFICE LOCATIONS**