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To: Adams, Marcia S <Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net>
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Devlin, Lotte <Lotte.Devlin@SCDMV.net>
CC: Maddox, Kelli G <Kelli.Maddox@scdmv.net>
Date: 6/23/2005 11:10:29 AM
Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Marcia,

I think that these counties will be violating the law. However, DMV has no authority to make them obey the law. That is an issue for the individual county council, the state legislature, etc. It seems to me that when an elected official asks the electorate to trust them with a particular job and then refuses to perform the job, it will be a campaign issue at the next election.

It may be that this leads back to a budget fight between the county councils and the auditors.

Val

-----Original Message-----

From: Adams, Marcia S
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:59 AM
To: Earley, Jr., Jimmy E.; Valenta, Val; Devlin, Lotte
Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Can they do this legally? What if we did not want to tie property tax payments to vehicle registration? Val, what are your thoughts?

-----Original Message-----

From: Earley, Jr., Jimmy E.
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:48 AM
To: Lake, Steven; Adams, Marcia S
Cc: Stevens, Trina G; Baltzgar, Mira W; Devlin, Lotte; Fouty, Peggy D
Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Lotte,

Maybe we should discuss this at our next county meeting. We can review the section of law and ask if other counties have decided not to issue. Our FO employees need to know if a customer asks about the plates.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lake, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2005 11:31 AM
To: Adams, Marcia S; Earley, Jr., Jimmy E.
Cc: Stevens, Trina G; Baltzgar, Mira W
Subject: FW: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags
Importance: High

Marcia and Jimmy,

Wanted to make you aware that Georgetown and Sumter counties have returned their supplies of 45-day temp tags to the local DMVs and indicated that they are no longer willing to issue these tags. Per 56-3-210, these tags may be purchased from DMV or the county auditor's office. Not sure how we want to handle this with the counties?

What are your thoughts?

Steven

[Lake, Steven] -----Original Message-----

From: Stevens, Trina G

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 11:09 AM

To: Valenta, Val

Cc: Warren, Lane; Lake, Steven; Caldwell, John H; Maddox, Kelli G; Devlin, Lotte; Grant, Beth B; Mumford, Sam; Caldwell, John H

Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Importance: High

Val,

Okay, I just wanted to make sure that I checked with you from a legal standpoint. I know when the 45-day plates were implemented, it was never discussed what would happen if the county offices returned the tags. I will get with Steven and discuss with him what he wants done.

Trina

-----Original Message-----

From: Valenta, Val

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 10:58 AM

To: Stevens, Trina G

Cc: Warren, Lane; Lake, Steven; Caldwell, John H; Maddox, Kelli G; Devlin, Lotte; Grant, Beth B; Mumford, Sam; Caldwell, John H

Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

The tags should go back to wherever they came from. The statute says DMV provides them to the auditors. If they went to the auditors from our warehouse, they should go back to the warehouse.

Right, Steven?

-----Original Message-----

From: Stevens, Trina G

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 10:55 AM

To: Valenta, Val

Cc: Warren, Lane; Lake, Steven; Caldwell, John H; Maddox, Kelli G; Devlin, Lotte; Grant, Beth B; Mumford, Sam; Caldwell, John H

Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Val,

Any suggestions on what I tell the DMV branch offices that call and want to know what to do with the tags that the county auditor has returned to them?

-----Original Message-----

From: Valenta, Val

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 10:50 AM

To: Stevens, Trina G

Cc: Warren, Lane; Lake, Steven; Caldwell, John H; Maddox, Kelli G; Devlin, Lotte

Subject: RE: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Trina,

The statute uses the word "must" when saying that county auditors "must" issue temporary plates "upon application" of a county resident. However, if a county office wants to ignore a state statute, we have no authority to do anything about it.

This is equivalent to the auditor's office not ordering any new temporary tags once they run out: there would be nothing we could do to make them order more.

This is a matter for County Council if the citizens complain that they want the auditor to do his or her job. Or maybe a new candidate will make it a campaign

issue in the next election.

Val

-----Original Message-----

From: Stevens, Trina G

Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2005 10:11 AM

To: Caldwell, John H; Valenta, Val

Cc: Warren, Lane; Lake, Steven

Subject: Returning of the 45-Day Temporary Tags

Importance: High

John/Val,

In the past two weeks, I have had two DMV branch offices (Georgetown and Sumter) call to say that their local county auditor's office have given the branch office all of their 45-day temporary tags. The reason being that they no longer want to sell the 45-day temporary tag at their county office. Can the county offices do this? In 56-3-210, it says that the temporary plate may be purchased from DMV or the county auditor's office for casual sale. Please advise.

Thanks,

Trina