

TRANSPORTATION CODE

TITLE 7. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

SUBTITLE J. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 721. INSCRIPTION REQUIRED ON STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND  
COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLES

Sec. 721.004. INSCRIPTION REQUIRED ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT. (a) The office having control of a motor vehicle or piece of heavy equipment owned by a municipality or county shall have printed on each side of the vehicle or equipment the name of the municipality or county, followed by the title of the department or office having custody of the vehicle or equipment.

(b) The inscription must be in a color sufficiently different from the body of the vehicle or equipment so that the lettering is plainly legible.

(c) The title of the department or office must be in letters plainly legible at a distance of not less than 100 feet.

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

**Sec. 721.005. EXEMPTION FROM INSCRIPTION REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES.**

(a) The governing body of a municipality may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.004:

(1) an automobile when used to perform an official duty by a:

(A) police department;

(B) magistrate as defined by Article 2.09, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(C) medical examiner;

(D) municipal code enforcement officer designated to enforce environmental criminal laws; or

(E) municipal fire marshal or arson investigator; or

(2) an automobile used by a municipal employee only when conducting an investigation involving suspected fraud or other mismanagement within the municipality.

**(b) The commissioners court of a county may exempt from the requirements of Section 721.004:**

**(1) an automobile when used to perform an official duty by a:**

**(A) police department;**

**(B) sheriff's office;**

**(C) constable's office;**

**(D) criminal district attorney's office;**

**(E) district attorney's office;**

**(F) county attorney's office;**

**(G) magistrate as defined by Article 2.09, Code of Criminal Procedure;**

**(H) county fire marshal's office; or**

**(I) medical examiner; or**

**(2) a juvenile probation department vehicle used to transport children, when used to perform an official duty.**

**(c) An exemption provided under this section does not apply to a contract deputy.**

Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995.

Amended by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 355, Sec. 1, eff. May 27, 1997; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 46, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1997;

Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 17.38, eff. Sept. 1, 1999;

Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 66, Sec. 1, eff. May 14, 2001; Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 140, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 45, Sec. 1, eff. May 8, 2007.

We request a vote from the Tom Green County Commissioner's Court on the following;

In reference to Chapter 721, of the Texas Transportation Code,

**Sec. 721.004. INSCRIPTION REQUIRED ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT.**

We request that the vehicles assigned for each Constables Office, for departmental use be exempted under,

**Sec. 721.005 (b) (1) (c). EXEMPTION FROM INSCRIPTION REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY-OWNED MOTOR VEHICLES.**