



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mike Land, City Manager

Date: January 9, 2017

Reference: Countywide fee for School Crossing Guards Request by Dallas County

General Information:

The Mayor received the following email from Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins this morning:

From: Dallas County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins
Re: Countywide Fee for School Crossing Guards

The City of Dallas is requesting that Dallas County collect a \$1.50 fee on vehicle registrations for all Dallas County residents, including those in your city. I value your opinion and am honored to work with you. Below is information about the fee.

According to state statute, this fee would be collected by the County and placed in the State's Child Safety Trust Fund for cities and would be sent back to the cities by the state based on population.

Dallas County does not have the legal ability to collect the fee at this time. Each summer, we are required to submit a document to the State of Texas detailing the fees that needs to be programed on the Vehicle Registration renewal notices. The earliest a fee could be collected is [January 1, 2019](#).

As you know property taxes for the average homeowner have risen 40% over the last four years due to increasing values. This has caused hardship on homeowners and driven skyrocketing rents. That's why I've pushed for a rollback to the effective rate for the last two years. It also likely plays a role in why there is not support on the Commissioners Court to impose an additional countywide fee on vehicle registrations at this time. The City of Dallas is asking us to reconsider.

At this time, I am gauging the interest of the other cities in Dallas County related to this fee to be imposed on all Dallas County residents.

Do you support the imposition and collection of this fee for you in the next notification to the State?

Clay Lewis Jenkins
Dallas County Judge

The Mayor is requesting input from the Council prior to responding to Judge Jenkins.