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## **Registration and Title System**

### **County Release Notes**

#### **Release 24.3.1.**

**10/14/2024**

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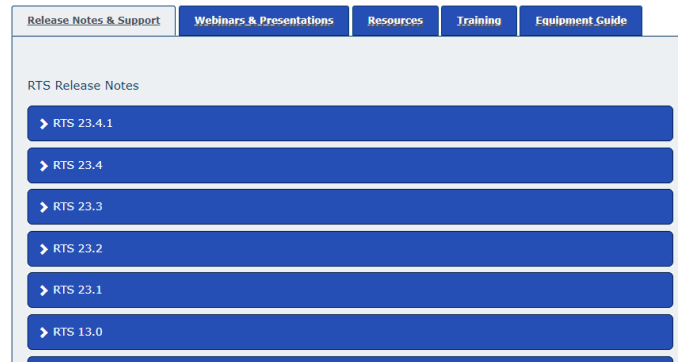
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Version	Date	Description	Author
1.0	10/10/2024	Final Version	J. Kirk

## About the Release

These Release Notes contain information about new features, enhancements, and reported issues resolved in this release of the Registration and Title System Point of Sale (RTS POS). Release Notes are located under the **Release Notes & Support** tab on the TAC Hub ([www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors](http://www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors)).



## RTS POS Overview

The refactored RTS POS is a web-based application designed to process vehicle registrations, titles, and temporary permits for Texas motorists. RTS POS provides functions for cash accounting, funds allocations, and a full audit trail along with inventory control for license plates, windshield/plate stickers, and temporary permits.

### Getting Help

When logged in to the RTS POS, you can display reference information about using the RTS POS and get specific application-level help.

- To get application-level help, click **Help** on the page you are viewing.
- To see the entire user assistance web site, select **Help > User Guide** on the main page menu bar.

### Additional Resources

For additional resources for the RTS POS, see the TAC hub ([www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors](http://www.txdmv.gov/tax-assessor-collectors)). Open the **Resources** tab, select **Publications & Manuals | TAC | RTS Support**.



## Summary of Enhancements

- RRTS-36456 House Bill (HB) 3297 MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR was renamed to INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE on Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices
- RRTS-35879 HB 3297 Discontinue sending the Vehicle Inspection and Registration Notice to all non-commercial vehicle customers.
- RRTS-35932 and RRTS-35878
- HB 3297 Update the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice (Paper and Electronic) to display the INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE & EMISSION INSPECTION FEE, when applicable.
- RRTS-36063 HB 3297 Update the Body of the Email Verbiage for Electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices (ERNOs)
- RRTS-36431 Update to the Electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices (ERNOs) by adding the HB 3297 insert(s)

## Legislative Enhancements in Release 24.3.1

HB 3297, passed during the 88th legislative session, effective January 1, 2025, eliminates the vehicle safety inspection program managed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and provides for “replacement fees” for noncommercial vehicles, which are no longer required to obtain a safety only inspection. The department is required to collect the state’s portion of the inspection fee and is required to collect the new inspection replacement fee.

This 24.3.1 Registration and Title System (RTS) Release will facilitate the production of paper and electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices for motorists with registration expirations in January of 2025. These renewal notices will be generated for distribution in the first week of November 2024. Renewal notice language has been modified to incorporate dynamic messaging, alerting motorists of the changes that impact their vehicle registration renewal. Alert messaging will notify motorists they are no longer required to obtain a safety inspection and will advise those that live in emissions counties that they are required to continue obtaining an emissions inspection prior to registration renewal and pay the emissions inspection fee. The dynamic messaging and fees identified on renewal notices are based on the most current information identified on a motor vehicle record, at the time of printing.

Changes in this release also include the display of the INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE and the EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE on the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices. It is important to note that the current and future inspection requirements will be based on the time of renewal. The INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE and EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE will be assessed on renewals occurring January 1, 2025, and later. If a customer with a January expiration comes in to renew prior to January 1, 2025, the current inspection requirements will still be required.

A future 25.1 RTS Release, which is scheduled for December of 2024, will include all remaining programming enhancements related to the implementation of HB 3297. The additional functionality will not be made available until January 1, 2025, and release notes will be provided. Corresponding manual updates related to HB 3297 will be provided with the quarterly revisions in January 2025 and other informational materials will be distributed in advance for awareness purposes.

### **RRTS-36456**


#### **HB 3297 MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR was renamed to INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE on Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices**

The Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice line item for “MOBILITY / CLEAN AIR” has been renamed to “INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE” on both Electronic (ERNO) and Paper renewal notices.

RRTS-35879

**HB 3297 Discontinue sending the Vehicle Inspection and Registration Notice to all non-commercial vehicle customers.**

TxDMV will stop sending the "Vehicle Inspection and Registration Notice" to all non-commercial vehicle customers. TxDMV will continue to send the notice to commercial vehicle (> 26001 lbs.) customers and customers that do not have a Texas address on their motor vehicle record.




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**VEHICLE INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION NOTICE**

«FirstName» «LastName»  
«Address1»  
«City», TX «Zip»



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LICENSE PLATE	YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	VIN
ABC1234	2014	FORD	PK	12345678912345678

Registration on this vehicle is due for renewal before the last day of «Month»«Year».

Dear «FirstName» «LastName»:


This notice is your reminder to obtain a state inspection on the vehicle shown. Effective March 1, 2016, vehicles must pass an inspection no earlier than 90 days from the vehicle's registration expiration. The inspection station will provide a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) once the inspection is complete. The VIR is your proof of a passing vehicle inspection.

You are receiving this notice in lieu of your registration renewal notice, since we are unable to determine the total amount of fees due. Your total fee is dependent upon the type inspection required for this vehicle in your county of residence. The state's portion of the inspection fee will be paid at time of registration renewal.

You may conveniently renew online at [www.Texas.gov](http://www.Texas.gov) where your inspection will be electronically verified and fees automatically calculated. You may also take the VIR and this notice to your county tax office if you prefer to renew in person.

For more information, please visit [www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com](http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com).

Save time, renew online  
at [www.Texas.gov](http://www.Texas.gov)



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**RRTS-35932 and RRTS-35878****HB 3297 Update the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice (Paper and Electronic) to display the INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE & EMISSION INSPECTION FEE, when applicable.**

Electronic and Paper Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice recipients will see an "INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE" line item for all non-commercial vehicles who were previously subject to a safety inspection. Additionally, recipients in counties that require an emissions inspection will also now see an "EMISSION INSPECTION FEE".

Changes to the Electronic and Paper Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices for non-commercial vehicles in counties that **do not** require an emissions inspection:


- "INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE" line item is added to the summary of fees section at the bottom of the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice.
- Updated language reflects in the blue box at the top of the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice that reads, "Effective January 1st, 2025, you are not required to obtain a vehicle safety inspection prior to registering your vehicle. You will be assessed the INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE shown below. The INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE replaces the previous safety inspection fee."

Changes to the Electronic and Paper Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices for non-commercial vehicles in counties that **do** require an emissions inspection:

- "INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE" line item added to the summary of fees section at the bottom of the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice.
- "EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE" line item added to the summary of fees section at the bottom of the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice.
- Updated language reflects in the blue box at the top of the Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice that reads, "You currently reside in an emissions county therefore a passing emissions inspection is required to obtain registration. The EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE is added in addition to the INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE and is based on the county identified on this notice."

No INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE will be charged to customers who are exempt from safety inspection requirements. If the customer resides in an emissions county the EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE will continue to be charged.

If the vehicle is exempt from an emissions inspection, the EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE will not be charged.



### VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

IF YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE PLEASE COMPLETE THE VEHICLE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION ONLINE AT [www.TxDMV.gov](http://www.TxDMV.gov)

Renew online @ [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)

You currently reside in an emissions county therefore a passing emissions inspection is required to obtain registration. The Emissions Inspection Fee is added in addition to the Inspection Replacement Fee and is based on the county identified on this notice.

Send bottom part of form, proof of insurance and correct fees to your county tax office in the enclosed envelope. Make check or money order payable to your local tax assessor-collector. Allow 15 days for processing by mail. Driver's license number required on checks.

FOR QUESTIONS CALL YOUR LOCAL TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR 979-864-1320

YOUR CHECK MAY BE CONVERTED TO AN ELECTRONIC FUND

▲ KEEP TOP SECTION FOR YOUR RECORDS ▲

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▼ MAIL SECTION BELOW FOR CONVENIENT PROCESSING ▼

AFTER RENEWED, THIS REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE THE LAST DAY OF: JAN 2026

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

VEH. CLASS. TRK<-1  
 VEH. IDENT. NO. ██████████ 52  
 YEAR/MAKE/BODY STYLE 2015/FORD/PK FLEXIBLE  
 FUEL TYPE  
 EMPTY WEIGHT 6100  
 CARRYING CAPACITY 2200  
 GROSS WEIGHT 8300  
 UNIT NO.

**TOTAL FEES \$ 80.00**

**VEHICLE OWNER NAME(S) & ADDRESS:**

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LICENSE NO. ██████████ 205

SEND THIS PART OF FORM, PROOF OF INSURANCE, & CORRECT FEES TO:

**RENEWAL RECEIPT NAME AND ADDRESS:**

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MARK "X" FOR ADDRESS CHANGE

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OWNERS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL RECEIPT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_


DATE PRINTED: ██████████ VER: 06

COUNTY COPY VTR-38-A (REV. 09/2023) DHT OVER

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION

LICENSE NO. ██████████ 205	PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT
REGIS. EXP. MON YR JAN 2026	
VEH / REG CL TRK<-1/TRUCK-LESS/EQL 1	
PLATE TYPE / STICKER TYPE PGP/WS	
YEAR / MAKE / BODY STYLE 2015/FORD/PK	
REGISTRATION FEE \$ 55.00	
LOCAL FEE \$ 10.00	
INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE \$ 7.50	
EMISSIONS INSPECTION FEE \$ 2.75	
PROCESSING AND HANDLING \$ 4.75	
<b>TOTAL FEE \$ 80.00</b>	
Donate to Support TX Veterans \$ _____	
Donate \$5 (or more) to State Parks \$ _____	
Donate \$1 (or more) to Donate Life \$ _____	
<b>Grand Total Due in Fees and Donations \$ 80.00</b>	





### VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

IF YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE PLEASE COMPLETE THE VEHICLE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION ONLINE AT [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov)

Renew online @ [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)

Effective January 1st, 2025, you are not required to obtain a vehicle safety inspection prior to registering your vehicle. You will be assessed the Inspection Replacement Fee shown below. The Inspection Replacement Fee replaces the previous safety inspection fee.

VEHICLE INFORMATION	
LICENSE PLATE	██████████ 219
VEHICLE IDENT. NO.	██████████ 486
YEAR/MAKE/BODY	2020/FORD/PK
CURRENT EXP. MON YR	JAN 2025
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE</b>	<b>\$ 277.25</b>

FOR QUESTIONS CALL YOUR LOCAL TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR 936-634-8376

**YOUR CHECK MAY BE CONVERTED TO AN ELECTRONIC FUND**

CUSTOMER COPY

▲ KEEP TOP SECTION FOR YOUR RECORDS ▲

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▼ MAIL SECTION BELOW FOR CONVENIENT PROCESSING ▼

AFTER RENEWED, THIS REGISTRATION WILL EXPIRE THE LAST DAY OF: JAN 2025

VEHICLE INFORMATION		VEHICLE OWNER NAME(S) & ADDRESS:
VEH. CLASS.	TRK--1	██████████ ██████████ ██████████
VEH. IDENT. NO.	██████████ 486	
YEAR/MAKE/BODY STYLE	2020/FORD/PK	
FUEL TYPE	ELECTRIC	
EMPTY WEIGHT	6400	
CARRYING CAPACITY	1000	
GROSS WEIGHT	7400	LICENSE NO. ██████████ 219
UNIT NO.	7400	
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	<b>\$ 277.25</b>	<b>SEND THIS PART OF FORM, PROOF OF INSURANCE, &amp; CORRECT FEES TO:</b>
<b>RENEWAL RECEIPT NAME AND ADDRESS:</b>		
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VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION

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\*\*\* UPDATE ADDRESSES HERE \*\*\*

OWNERS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL RECEIPT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PRINTED: ██████████ VER: 06

LICENSE NO.	██████████ 219
PLT	PASSENGER-TRUCK PLT
REGIS. EXP. MON YR	JAN 2026
VEH / REG CL	TRK--1/TRUCK-LESS/EQL. 1
PLATE TYPE / STICKER TYPE	PSP/WS
YEAR / MAKE / BODY STYLE	2020/FORD/PK
REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 55.00
LOCAL FEE	\$ 10.00
<b>INSPECTION REPLACEMENT FEE</b>	<b>\$ 7.50</b>
ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEE	\$ 200.00
PROCESSING AND HANDLING	\$ 4.75
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$ 277.25</b>
Donate to Support TX Veterans	\$ _____
Donate \$5 (or more) to State Parks	\$ _____
Donate \$1 (or more) to Donate Life	\$ _____
<b>Grand Total Due In Fees and Donations</b>	<b>\$ 277.25</b>

COUNTY COPY

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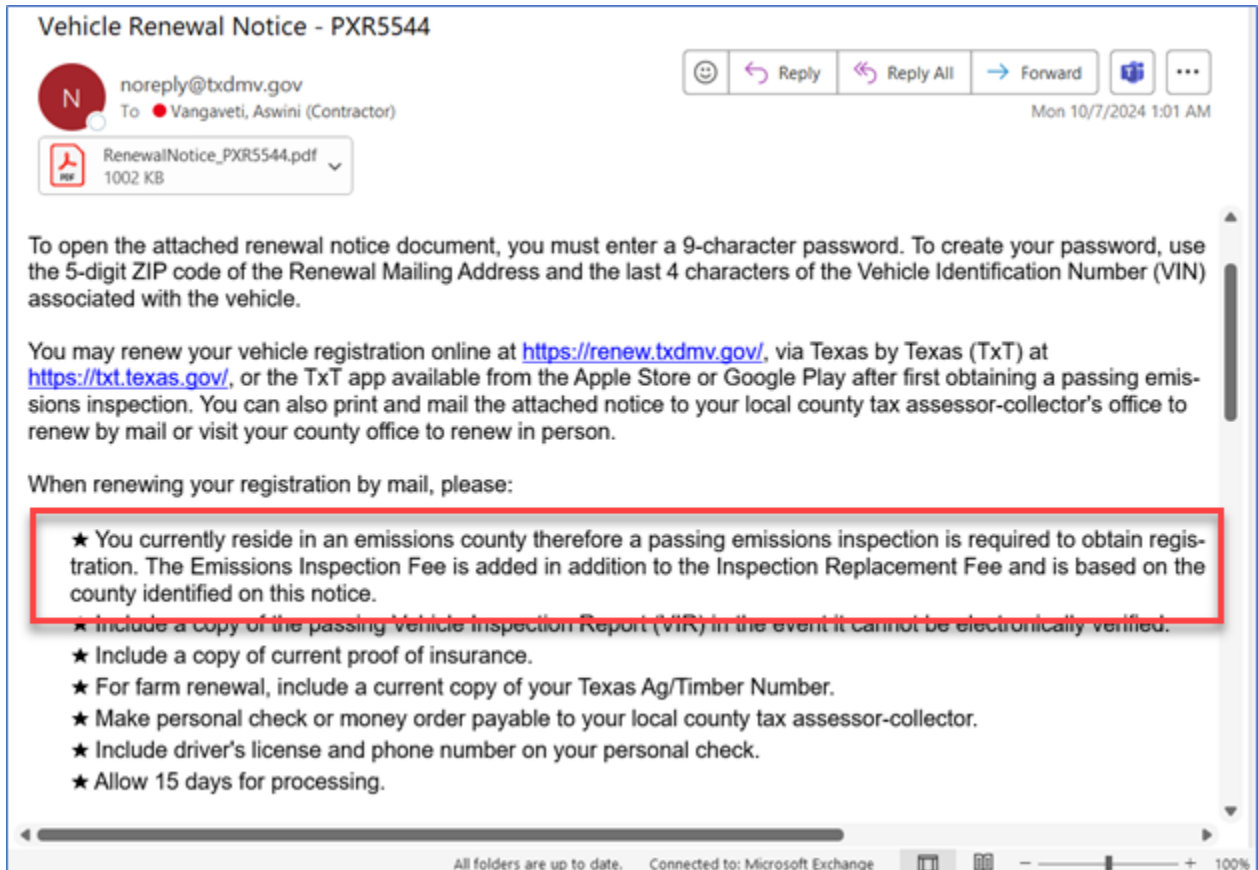
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RRTS-36063

**HB 3297 Update the Body of the Email Verbiage for Electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices (ERNOs)**

The body of the emails for ERNOs is updated with dynamic language to clarify when an emissions inspection is or is not required for a customer.

ERNO email for non-commercial vehicles that require an emissions inspection.



Vehicle Renewal Notice - PXR5544

noreply@txdmv.gov  
To: Vangaveti, Aswini (Contractor)  
Mon 10/7/2024 1:01 AM

RenewalNotice\_PXR5544.pdf  
1002 KB

To open the attached renewal notice document, you must enter a 9-character password. To create your password, use the 5-digit ZIP code of the Renewal Mailing Address and the last 4 characters of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) associated with the vehicle.

You may renew your vehicle registration online at <https://renew.txdmv.gov/>, via Texas by Texas (TxT) at <https://txt.texas.gov/>, or the TxT app available from the Apple Store or Google Play after first obtaining a passing emissions inspection. You can also print and mail the attached notice to your local county tax assessor-collector's office to renew by mail or visit your county office to renew in person.

When renewing your registration by mail, please:



- ★ You currently reside in an emissions county therefore a passing emissions inspection is required to obtain registration. The Emissions Inspection Fee is added in addition to the Inspection Replacement Fee and is based on the county identified on this notice.
- ★ Include a copy of the passing Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) in the event it cannot be electronically verified.
- ★ Include a copy of current proof of insurance.
- ★ For farm renewal, include a current copy of your Texas Ag/Timber Number.
- ★ Make personal check or money order payable to your local county tax assessor-collector.
- ★ Include driver's license and phone number on your personal check.
- ★ Allow 15 days for processing.






All folders are up to date. Connected to: Microsoft Exchange 100%




ERNO email for non-commercial vehicles that do not require emissions inspection.

**Vehicle Renewal Notice - TWC4632**

 noreply@txdmv.gov  
To  Vangaveti, Aswini (Contractor)

 Reply  Reply All  Forward  

Mon 10/7/2024 1:01 AM

 RenewalNotice\_TWC4632.pdf  
1003 KB

To open the attached renewal notice document, you must enter a 9-character password. To create your password, use the 5-digit ZIP code of the Renewal Mailing Address and the last 4 characters of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) associated with the vehicle.

You may renew your vehicle registration online at <https://renew.txdmv.gov/>, via Texas by Texas (TxT) at <https://txt.texas.gov/>, or the TxT app available from the Apple Store or Google Play after first obtaining a passing emissions inspection. You can also print and mail the attached notice to your local county tax assessor-collector's office to renew by mail or visit your county office to renew in person.

When renewing your registration by mail, please:

- ★ Effective January 1st, 2025, you are not required to obtain a vehicle safety inspection prior to registering your vehicle. You will be assessed the Inspection Replacement Fee shown below. The Inspection Replacement Fee replaces the previous safety inspection fee.
- ★ Include a copy of current proof of insurance.
- ★ For farm renewal, include a current copy of your Texas Ag/Timber Number.
- ★ Make personal check or money order payable to your local county tax assessor-collector.
- ★ Include driver's license and phone number on your personal check.
- ★ Allow 15 days for processing.

This email should not be replied to, as the sending mailbox is not designed to receive emails.

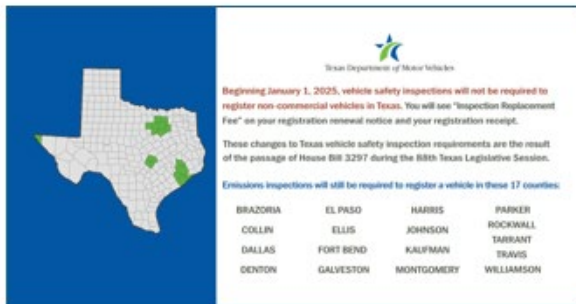
RRTS-36431

**Update to the Electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices (ERNOs) by adding the HB 3297 insert(s)**

TxDMV has updated the renewal notice inserts that display in the body of the email when an Electronic renewal notice is sent. There is a total of six inserts. The HB 3297 and TxT inserts will display in both English and Spanish.

**Note:** The new renewal notice inserts for the paper renewal notices will be included with the January renewal notices which will be mailed the last week of November 2024.

HB3297 English



HB3297 Spanish



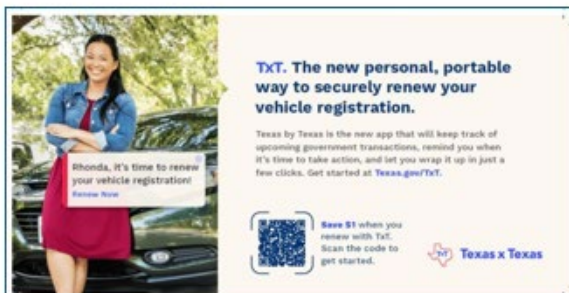
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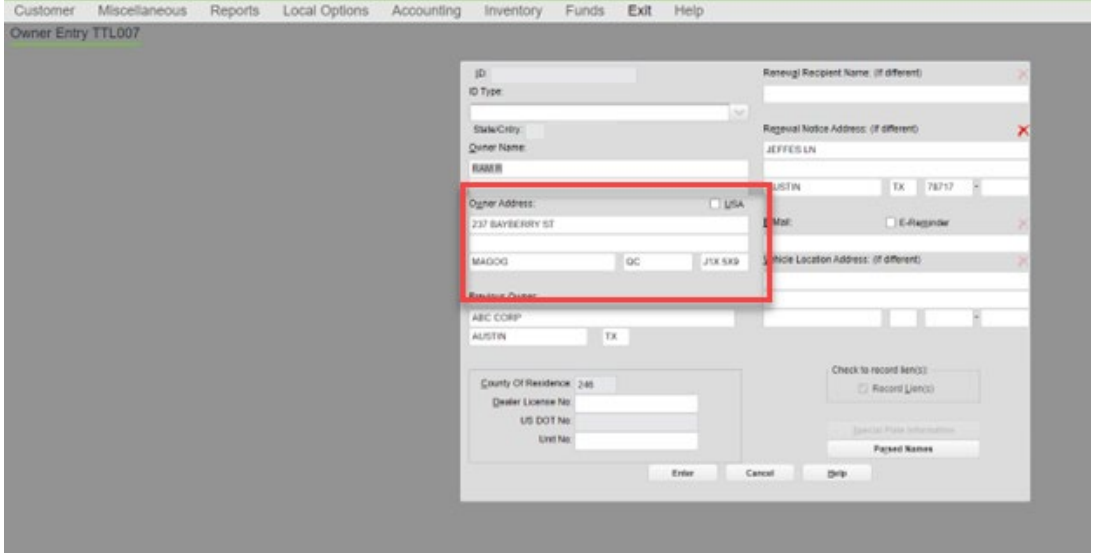
TxT URL – English




TxT URL - Spanish



## Defects Addressed in RTS Release 24.3.1.

ID	Description
RTS-36079	<p>Issue: RTS did not accept alphanumeric zip codes. IT determined the Address Validation Software used by the agency does not recognize Canadian zip codes.</p> <p>Solution: IT performed program updates so the clerk can choose if the address is within the USA or not. RTS now accepts entry of a Canadian zip code and excludes it from the address validation check.</p> 

ID	Description
RRTS-36350	<p>Issue: The system is sending the same automated message displaying information about the selection of the paperless option after a customer selected the "Mail only" radio button on the Paperless option screen.</p> <p>Solution: Since this selection is displayed in the paperless option, we will be removing the mail only option radio button entirely as shown in the below screenshot. By removing the mail only option, it allows customers to opt for Electronic Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices.</p>  <p>If a customer chooses to go back to a mail only option after selection of the paperless option VDM users at TxDMV headquarters will be able to change it back for any customer who chooses.</p>