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MEMORANDUM

To: Division of Vehicles Law Enforcement Stakeholders
From: Lee Ann Phelps, Vehicle Services Manager
Date: December 20, 2022
RE: 2022 Division of Vehicles Notifications for Law Enforcement

VEHICLE SERVICES UPDATES:

What's new for 2023:

The 2022 Kansas Legislature passed HB2476 which authorized several new plates to be produced. Sponsored distinctive plates have certain requirements to meet prior to plate production, so plates may begin being produced later in the year.

At this time, we will have two new plates in production on January 3, 2023. The two new plates are both military plates and images are attached. They are the Bronze Star Medal and Silver Star Medal plates.

General Issue Plates:

The Kansas Division of Vehicles has two (2) different valid standard license plates in use/displayed for passenger vehicles, trucks, heavy trucks, trailers, motorcycles, and motorized bicycles. They are the "Dome/State Capitol" plate and the "Ad Astra" plate.

Displaying Expired Plate (K.S.A. 8-133)

No expired (old) Kansas license plate shall appear on the front (or rear) of a vehicle. Kansas no longer issues a front plate on a personalized license plate; therefore, no personalized plate is to be displayed on the front of any type of vehicle.

Exceptions: i) A special antique reproduction plate may be attached to the front of an antique vehicle. ii) Special antique plates are eligible for display on antique registered vehicles. iii) Truck-tractor (semi-truck) will attach the valid/current plate on the front of the vehicle.

Vehicles assigned a staggered Month Expiration Registration (Passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses at 12M, Motorcycles, Motorized Bikes and Trailers that are Recreational Vehicles):

K.S.A. 8-134 and 8-134a

The expiration decals rely more on color than text to denote the expiration year. Staggered registration plates expiring in 2023 have green decals and plates with expiration in 2024 will have red decals. The text on the decal will be black. Expired registration enforcement is the first day of the month following the month of expiration.

Truck and Bus over 12M and Trailer Registrations registered as Non-Commercial and Non-recreational vehicles – K.S.A. 8-134

Registration expiration for these vehicle types is 12/31/2022. These registrations, by statute, renew after expiration and have a **grace period** until the end of February for renewal. These vehicle types will be issued a new red month/year expiration decal for “2023” beginning January 3, 2023. These vehicles must display a new “23” expiration decal by March 1, 2023.

- Exceptions – IRP Trucks and trailers, CMV trucks and trailers and Recreational vehicles displaying an “RV” decal on the license plate.

Receipt in Lieu of Decal K.S.A. 8-143

Kansas motorists who desire to renew their vehicle registration online near the end of their registration month will have a 10-day grace period to allow Treasurer’s motor vehicle offices time to process and mail a new registration receipt and decal.

A person shall not be charged with failing to display a registration decal on a vehicle up to and including the 10th day following the expiration of the registration if the person is able to produce the payment receipt, printed or electronic, for the current 12-month period.

Commercial Vehicle Registration K.S.A. 8-143(m)

Commercial Vehicle Registration is for power units only. The cab card registration for 2022 will be valid through March 1, 2023. Cab cards after March 1, 2023, must have an expiration date of 2024. The commercial plates are purple lettering on white background.

There will also be “local” and “6,000 mile commercial” registration. The plates will be the same and will also be labeled with a decal stating one of the two designations listed above. All power units will have received new cab cards for the 2022 registration year.

Trucks and Trailers with IRP Registration K.S.A. 8-1,102(a)

Trucks and trailers displaying the IRP truck and trailer plates shall be considered to have valid registration through March 1, 2023. The IRP plates are red on white background.

Drive Away Plate K.S.A. 8-143

The 2023 Drive Away plate is a digitally printed flat plate with blue lettering on the left side of the plate indicating “Drive Away” and blue “KANSAS” across the top. The plate combination consisting of a series of 4 numbers, beginning in the series with 5500, will be black lettering. The expiration year is printed in black in the upper right corner, indicating “23” as the plates expire December 31, 2023.

Dealer License Plate K.S.A. 8-134 and 8-2404(d)

On or after February 28, 2023, a black lettering on white background dealer license plate must be displayed with a new expiration year decal indicating “23” placed in the upper right corner. These plates expire 12/31/2023.

On or after February 28, 2023, Full Use “Ad Astra” background dealer plate must display a new expiration month decal “24” in the upper right corner. These plates expire February 28, 2024.

A letter of authorization issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles may be displayed while the dealer’s plates are being manufactured.

Reminder that certain dealer plates will now display between the bottom bolt holes the words “lender, wholesale or salvage”. These designations are to help law enforcement know the limitations of use to the plate, if they are held by a license type of Lender, Wholesale or Salvage dealer. See K.S.A. 8-2406 for defined usages of these particular dealer plates.

Rental Fleet Plates

The legislative session for 2019 passed a bill to create a Rental Fleet plate for businesses with 250 or more vehicles in their fleets, that are being rented for short-term leases (28 days or less). The plate has the standard Ad Astra background with black printed combinations that begin with the letter “R” followed by a series of 6 numbers. The plates do not display an expiration decal but rather are permanent in nature with an expiration date of June 30. Refer to the attached plate guide to see a sample of the Rental Fleet plate.

Accessible (Disabled) Parking Placards K.S.A. 8-1,125

Accessible parking Placards are issued in two colors, white on blue background for permanent and white on red background for temporary. Temporary (red) placards can be issued for a maximum of six months. Permanent (blue) placards are valid for five years. The enforcement date will be the first day of the month following the month of expiration on the decals.

Commercial, City/County/School District and Official State vehicles may apply for a Disabled Parking decal to be attached to the license plate through the Director of Vehicles office. Contact Sarah in the Division of Vehicles at 785-296-2228 for the TR-159d form.

Political Subdivision Utility 5-year Registration K.S.A. 8-1,134(d)

Vehicles used by political subdivisions for utility purposes are registered on a five (5) year basis. The month/year expiration decal will display the year “23”, “24”, “25”, “26” or “27”. The decal color corresponds to the decal stock assigned in the calendar year that the registration was issued.

Permanent Trailers K.S.A. 8-1,165

The Division of Vehicles issues permanent registration license plates for trailers over 12,000 pounds used in combination with county registered vehicles with a gross weight of 54,000 pounds or more, as well as with the commercially registered vehicles. The license plate is red on white background and will not have a year displayed.

Tiny House Trailers K.S.A. 79-5118, 8-143(9)

Many tiny house trailers do not meet the definition of an RV. Tiny homes may qualify as RVs, but to do so they must be built as vehicles in compliance with NHTSA regulations (see the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards – also referred to as the FMVSS – which can be found at Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations). They must also comply with the NFPA 1192

RV Standard. RVIA is the certification commonly associated with Tiny Homes built to this standard and what could be searched for on a manufacturer's website.

For tiny homes where the RIVA standards for NHTSA compliance are NOT met, the Division's policy will be to title and register these as a non-RV trailer with the correct weight. The customer will be required to list this property with their county appraiser's office so the correct personal property tax may be assessed on the vehicle.

Special Kansas License Plates

The State of Kansas issues many other "special" license plates. They have the same decal requirements as noted for standard license plates. Please refer to the attached Kansas License Plate Guide.

Commercial Vehicle Registration Information

The following information is provided as an FYI.

Definition of a Commercial Vehicle:

A commercial vehicle is any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle engaged in commerce that is used to transport property or passengers when the vehicle:

- Has a gross vehicle weight or gross combination vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more, or
- Is designed or used to transport 15 or more passengers, including the driver, or is used to transport hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

Your vehicles are operating in furtherance of commerce if any of the following apply to you:

- (1) Money earned is declared as income from a business for tax purposes;
- (2) Costs for the underlying activities are deducted as a business expense for tax purposes;
- (3) Product and/or money is accepted for advertising a sponsor;
- (4) The transport vehicle is being used in the furtherance of a commercial operation.

Do I need a USDOT Number to register my vehicle?

If your commercial vehicle travels outside of Kansas, you will need to have a USDOT number. Or, if your vehicle fits the definition of a Commercial Vehicle and is engaged in the furtherance of commerce and does not fall under one of the exemptions, you need a USDOT number.

Kansas Based IRP Registered Vehicles

Kansas based IRP (interstate) registered commercial vehicles will pay the commercial vehicle fee. The amount of the commercial fee will be based on their apportioned Kansas percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be remitted to the county in which the interstate commercial fleet account is based.

Non-Kansas Based IRP Registered Vehicles

Out of State apportioned carriers (International Registration Plan; IRP) will pay the commercial fee based on their apportioned Kansas mileage percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be collected on all out-of-state vehicles being registered in Kansas.

Intrastate Commercial Vehicle

The Commercial Vehicle fee for intrastate commercial vehicles will be distributed in the same manner as property taxes levied on motor vehicles.

Commercial Vehicle fees will be credited to the County where the intrastate commercial vehicle is based. If an operator of intrastate commercial vehicles registers in one county, but has vehicles based in another county, the county collecting the commercial vehicle fee will remit the fee to the county where the vehicle's base is declared. The Commercial Vehicle fee is the same in all counties.

This allows commercial vehicle registrations in a single fleet registration transaction, in a single county, by declaring the county where each vehicle is based.