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## **Combined Registration and Inspection Sticker Begins March 2015**

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“Texas is changing the way the Registration and Inspections will be issued” stated Montgomery County Tax Assessor/Collector, Tammy McRae. During the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative session, HB 2305 was passed combining the inspection and registration sticker.

Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will begin the “Two Steps, One Sticker” vehicle inspection and registration program. Vehicles registered in Texas will no longer be issued an inspection sticker at the time of inspection. The familiar blue-bordered registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

“During the first year of the program beginning March 1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail” stated McRae.

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system will automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal. Once inspected, you will receive a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) instead of a vehicle inspection sticker.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles’ inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registration sticker. Once the expiration dates are aligned in that second year, you will have a 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

Texas state required fees will remain the same, but the collection methods will change. The inspection station will still collect a fee for inspecting the vehicle and the state’s portion of the inspection fee will be collected at the time the vehicle registration is renewed at the Tax office.

“Our goal is to make sure all our citizens are aware of this new process so the transition will be as smooth as possible for them” McRae stated.

Additional information regarding the “Two Steps, One Sticker” program can be found at: [www.twostepsonesticker.com](http://www.twostepsonesticker.com) which includes a “calculator” to determine necessary steps based on dates of the stickers currently on the vehicle.