

TOM GREEN COUNTY



San Angelo, Texas

OFFICE OF THE County Auditor

May 3, 2023

The Honorable Commissioners' Court
112 West Beauregard Avenue
San Angelo, TX 76903

To The Honorable Commissioners Court,

We conducted a survey of all employees who drive a County vehicle to determine if the IRS would consider their personal use taxable. If so, this should be taxed as income to the employees through payroll. Vehicle use questionnaires were sent to all departments and returned to our office. These forms were used to help us determine if the vehicle use could be qualified as non-personal use, in accordance with IRS Publication 15-B. The questionnaire asked if the employee was considered law enforcement, whether the vehicle was marked or unmarked, how their truck was modified, if the vehicle was taken home, and other information about the vehicle (make, model, license plate number).

At the conclusion of our review, we found three vehicles, according to the information provided on the questionnaire, which did not qualify for an exemption according to the IRS Publication 15-B. Of the three vehicles, one vehicle is located in the Extension office, and the other two in Road and Bridge 2 & 4. Due to these vehicles not being exempt, all personal use would be considered taxable to the employees.

We recommend using the commuting rule as the valuation method for the employee's daily commute to/from work, where the value of each one-way commute is \$1.50 (\$3.00/weekday), and that amount would be included in taxable income through payroll. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Very cordially,

Chad Cook
First Assistant Auditor

Cc: The Honorable Jay Weatherby, District Judge
340th Judicial District, Texas

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