



General Order 74.6 - Tag Enforcement

PURPOSE: Define the functions of the tag enforcement unit.

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74.6.1 TAG ENFORCEMENT UNIT

- A. The mission of the tag enforcement unit is to assist the Treasurer's office with the collection of revenue from vehicles improperly registered and/or registration paid for by insufficient fund checks within Sedgwick County, Kansas.
 1. The legal authority for the mission of the tag enforcement unit is found in the following statutes; [K.S.A. 8-126](#), [8-129](#), [8-145](#), [8-149](#), and [79-5107](#).
 2. Deputies assigned to the tag enforcement unit will utilize these guidelines to develop leads and open cases involving suspected illegally registered vehicles:
 - a. **(R)** Determine the ownership and who is locally responsible for the vehicle(s) if not one in the same..
 - b. **(R)** Determine the jurisdiction of where the vehicle(s) are currently registered.
 - c. **(R)** Determine if the vehicle(s) was garaged in Sedgwick County for the majority of the previous 90 days.

- d. **(R)** Contact the owner or person responsible in person or by form letter, advise law and ask for compliance.
 - e. **(R)** If within a reasonable amount of time the owner or responsible person does not comply, an investigation of facts determining probable cause will be initiated and the District Attorney's Office will be consulted for possible criminal prosecution.
3. **(R)** Exemptions from registration under Kansas law includes but is not limited to:
- a. **(R)** Members of the armed forces who are stationed in the state, provided such members vehicles are properly registered in such members state of residence;
 - 1. Active duty members who are legal residents of the state of Kansas are not eligible for an exemption.
 - b. **(R)** The vehicle owner/driver is a student with 9 hours of enrollment in a local university or college, and has a valid driver's license and vehicle registration issued by that state of domicile.
 - 1. Members of the K.U. Medical Center staff who are doing residencies and receiving a salary from K.U. Medical Center are not eligible for an exemption.
4. Insufficient Fund Check Procedures
- a. Upon receipt of notice from the Treasurer's office of a check tendered as payment for a vehicle registration, which has been returned for insufficient funds, the deputy assigned to this case will follow these guidelines:
 - 0. **(R)** Locate and contact the individual who issued the insufficient check, advise them how to contact the Treasurer to pay the full amount due to the Treasurer's office.
 - 1. **(R)** The deputy will seize the license tag in all cases per [K.S.A. 8-145a](#).
 - 2. **(R)** The deputy seizing the tag will post notice of the seizure upon the drivers window at the time of seizure (form PS-1629). A receipt will be left with the vehicle or the registrant describing the items seized..
 - 3. **(R)** The deputy shall turn the tag into the Treasurers office no later than the next business day.

