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Honorable Hope Kurtz  
Justice of the Peace Pct. 1  
Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

Dear Judge Kurtz:

I have completed an audit for your office records. The audit included an examination of reports, receipts and supporting documentation for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

In sampling the fees charged and documentation on citations issued, the following exceptions were noted:

One citation had not completed the Driver Safety Course within the allowed timeframe, requiring issuance of a Notice of Noncompliance and scheduling of a Show Cause Hearing is required per TCCP Article 45A.352. Following our discussion, you indicated the citation would be updated accordingly.

As a reminder, the mandatory Time Payment Reimbursement fee and OMNI fee must be assessed on applicable citations in accordance with CCP 102.030 and TC 706.006(a), respectively.

I immensely appreciate the cooperation provided to me by you and your staff during my review. If you have any questions concerning the audit, please do not hesitate to contact me at 361-553-4610.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brandy Vasquez  
Assistant Auditor

Approved by:



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