



## Vehicle Emissions Testing - Waiver Instructions

**Hamilton, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson County Residents Only**

**UNDERHOOD INSPECTIONS ARE DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!!**

**IF YOUR VEHICLE FAILED THE EMISSIONS INSPECTION** - Experience has shown 98% of all vehicles, if tuned to the manufacturer's specifications with emission control equipment connected and functioning properly, can pass inspection with minimum cost expenditure. However, if your vehicle continues to fail after repairs, this information explains the process for receiving a waiver from the emissions testing requirements. *A waiver allows you to renew your vehicle registration without passing an emissions test.*

**A ONE-YEAR WAIVER MAY BE ISSUED** to a vehicle that has **Failed the OBD or Tailpipe** portion of the emissions inspection. A waiver will only be issued after the owner has spent the required amount in parts and/or labor, and met all the waiver requirements.

**\*\* A Waiver Will Not be granted for a vehicle failing only the Tampering Portion of the Inspection \*\***

**FOR 1975 - 1980 MODEL YEAR VEHICLES** -The minimum expenditure requirement is **\$75.00**. All repairs must be appropriate and/or related to the cause of the test failure. This expenditure includes parts and/or labor.

**FOR 1981 - 1995 MODEL YEAR VEHICLES** -The minimum expenditure requirement is **\$200.00**. All repairs must be appropriate and/or related to the cause of the test failure. This expenditure includes parts and/or labor.

**FOR 1996 AND NEWER MODEL YEAR VEHICLES** - The minimum expenditure requirement is **\$650.00**. All repairs must be appropriate and/or related to the cause of the test failure. This expenditure includes parts and/or labor.

### **NOTES:**

\* **INDIVIDUALS MAKING THEIR OWN REPAIRS** - cannot apply labor charges towards the minimum expenditure. Parts only can be counted.

\* **1981 AND NEWER MODEL VEHICLES** - All repairs must be **Performed by an ASE Certified Mechanic** (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence [ASE], certified in engine repair and engine performance) and the mechanic must sign the application verifying the repairs were completed.

**A WAIVER IS NOT TRANSFERABLE AND IS VALID FOR ONLY (90) NINETY DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE OR ONE (1) VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL.**

### **TO QUALIFY FOR A WAIVER YOU MUST HAVE:**

- **Your Vehicle Inspected By The APC Appointed Mechanic**, and you can call any of the numbers at the bottom of this form to setup an appointment
- **All Emissions Components** appropriate to make, model, year, series, and engine size in place and visually operating
- Copy of **Failed Emissions Test** (must have passed on the tampering portion of the vehicle inspection).
- Copies of **All Appropriate Repairs** (Only repairs made to correct an emissions related problems will be accepted)
- Repair **Receipts Should Include:** Vehicle Owners Name, Date of Repair, Repair Facility (Name, Address, and Phone #), Vehicle (Make, Model, Year and V.I.N) and Name of any Part[s], (Part Number and Manufacturer)
- **Repairs were Performed** on the vehicle within **Sixty (60)** days before or after the initial failed emissions inspection
- **For 1981 AND NEWER Vehicles:** Repairs must be completed by an **ASE Certified Mechanic** and they must sign the application showing they completed those repairs.
- Failed only the **Emissions Portion** of re-inspection after repairs were made

### **WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED FOR A WAIVER:**

- Cost of replacement, reconnection, or repair of **Tampered Emission Control Components** or devices
- **Diagnostics only**
- A waiver is **NOT** applicable to any **Vehicle Owned, Operated, Or Leased As Part Of A Fleet, By A Business** entity or owned and being held for retail sale by a motor vehicle dealer as the term is defined by T.C.A. 55-1-114.
- **Vehicles under warranty** (If the vehicle owner has a written Denial of Coverage from the manufacturer or dealer, then the owner will be eligible for a waiver.)

### **TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER:**

1. **Complete The Opposite Side Of This Document**
2. **Schedule An Appointment** with a State Appointed Inspector by calling:

For Residents of :	Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, or Wilson Counties	615-687-7041
	Hamilton County	423-892-8972
	Or Toll Free	866-329-9632