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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES TDMV

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Organization you are affiliated with: Karson Properties

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City: Burnet

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: All recommendations supported.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I suggest that the DMV review the current guidelines being used for modified cars such as buggies, sand rails, etc. The current guideline is that if the structure of the vehicle is significantly different from the original manufacturer's configuration, as to cause the vehicle to be unrecognizable by type (make, model, etc), then the vehicle is not available for initial title or title transfer or registration renewal. Instead, the state should take a common-sense approach and should review each vehicle based upon its individual merits. Vehicles in OEM configuration adhere to State and Federal guidelines for safety and should automatically be accepted however many (if not most) modified vehicles are made even more safe by their owners as a byproduct of their intended use. For instance, A and B pillar crush on an OEM 1988 Suzuki Samurai from 45 cm is 29.2 cm and 25.7 cm, respectively. Conversely, maximum crush on modified 1988 Samurai with 4-point on-frame 1-3/4 inch mild steel tubing is less than 10 cm. Additionally, the sheet metal A-pillar (door pillar) and B-pillar are substandard when compared to a fiberglass Manx body kit and mild steel roll bar. In conclusion, the State of Texas should certainly strive to ensure that vehicles on the road are safe for passengers and bystanders, however if a "homemade" or modified vehicle meets Federal and previous State safety requirements, then the DMV should allow title and registration.

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