

State Required Registration to Expire Soon

Pursuant to **Texas Agricultural Code Sec. 144.041** the registration of all marks, brands and tattoos will expire on August 30, 2021 and must be re-registered with the County Clerk. Owners will have six (6) months in which to re-register their brands or risk having it taken over by another.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will my registered Brand expire?

Pursuant to T.A.C. Sec 144.044 all marks, brands and tattoos expire on August 30, 2021 and every 10 years thereafter.

How long do I have to re-register my Mark/Brand/Tattoo?

Pursuant to T.A.C. Sec 144.044 you must re-register your mark/ brand/tattoo no later than six months after the registration expires on August 30, 2021.

When does registration begin?

Registration begins August 31, 2021 and goes through February 28, 2022.

I just registered a brand with the County Clerk's office.

How long will it be valid?

All Marks and Brands expire August 30, 2021 regardless of when you registered your brand.

How can I figure the charge for my registration?

*The definition of a brand as defined by the **Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association** is "Mark plus Location". The registration fee is \$26 per animal per mark/brand/tattoo location. Each additional location on that same animal is an additional \$5 of same mark/brand/tattoo. Each additional animal is \$26 for one location.*

Why \$26?

*The fee for Brand Registration is for registering a brand, including indexing, searching the records, and issuing the certificate per **LGC 118.020**. The break-down of the charge is: \$10 Archive fee, \$10 Records Preservation fee, \$1 Courthouse Security Fee, & \$5 Brand fee.*

Please call the Smith County Clerk's office for more information at 903-590-4670. Ask for Official Public Records.