OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 112169

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, ALLOWANCE FOR LIVE VIDEO CHAT FORMAT FOR PERFORMING CERTIFIED SHERIFF'S INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-243 directing all individuals in the Commonwealth to practice social distancing, and this Official Order is in furtherance of these goals; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-257 directing all individuals in the Commonwealth to stay Healthy at Home, and directed all government offices offering in-person services close to the public indefinitely, with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, KRS 186A.115 and 601 KAR 9:090, direct that in-person, physical vehicle inspections be performed by certified sheriff's inspectors prior to a customer or dealer receiving a Kentucky title; and

WHEREAS, KRS 186 and 186A require timely documentation of ownership upon a vehicle entering Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak have made it difficult or impossible for certified sheriff's inspectors to perform the necessary in-person, physical vehicle inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Executive Order 2020-215 and KRS Chapter 39A, I hereby declare:
1. That until the expiration of the Commonwealth-wide state of emergency, certified sheriff's inspectors may perform necessary vehicle inspections using a secure live video chat function that allows them to fully satisfy the requirements of KRS 186A.115 and 601 KAR 9:090 without having to violate social distancing orders by performing inspections physically, or in-person;

2. That until the expiration of the statewide state of emergency, the KYTC Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing is authorized to accept documentation from certified sheriff's inspectors that signifies that the inspection was completed using a live video chat function;

3. That pictures or other non-live formats remain ineligible.

Jim Gray, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Done this 15th day of April, 2020 at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Approved as to form and legality:

Will Fugle (Apr 15, 2020)

KYTC, Office of Legal Services