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# Vehicle Registration and Inspection in Mandeville 2026

This is the part of the guide that will go stale fastest: the state changes its inspection system on January 1, 2027, and the new rules are not published yet. The good news is on emissions: this parish is not in the federal monitoring area.

## SHORT ANSWER

**Both registration and inspection are state functions, and Mandeville has no separate rule on either;** the city has no municipal tag office. **The real item here is on the calendar: the state changes the vehicle inspection system on January 1, 2027.** The statute was read: the statewide inspection sticker is eliminated and replaced by a **new tag program tied to the vehicle identification number and visible to law enforcement;** the agency must issue the rules **by December 31, 2026.** **Because the rules are not published yet, the post-2027 procedure is not written in this document.** **Good news for Mandeville on emissions:** the parish in the federal clean air monitoring area is the one around the state capital; **St. Tammany Parish is not in it.**

## Registration: documents and counter

- Vehicle registration and title work runs through the **state motor vehicle agency** or an authorized public tag agent. **Mandeville has no municipal tag office;** no such unit appears among the city's departments.
- Bring the **bill of sale, the current title, identification, proof of residency and valid proof of insurance.**
- **Some offices charge an added service fee,** so the same transaction can cost different amounts.
- When your address changes, update the registration address too; this is a separate transaction and **changing your license address does not cover it.**
- **No deadline for a new arrival could be found:** no number of days appears on the agency's pages or in the driver's guide. **We do not say there is none; we say research did not find one.** Ask at the counter as soon as you bring the vehicle in.

## Inspection: we are in a transition period

From the statute passed in the state legislature's 2026 regular session:

- **The statewide inspection sticker is eliminated.** In its place comes a **vehicle identification program** carrying the vehicle identification number and visible to law enforcement.
- The fee for the new tag is **no more than \$6 per year** and may be collected **every two years.**
- The agency must issue the program rules **by December 31, 2026** and is authorized to use emergency rulemaking for that purpose.

- **Between June 30, 2026 and January 1, 2027 no citation is issued for not having an inspection sticker.**
- **In parishes covered by clean air legislation,** the effective date depends not on the calendar but on **approval of a plan by the federal environmental agency.**
- The statute keeps periodic inspection and its fees for commercial vehicles and student transportation vehicles.
- **We do not write what to do after January 1, 2027;** the rules are not published and we do not invent a figure or a step. **If you are buying a vehicle or your move falls near the end of the year, open the agency's own page before you act.**

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## Emissions and the city's own program

Emissions obligations in this state attach to **parishes and municipalities covered by federal clean air legislation,** and the community in that area is the state capital. **St. Tammany Parish is not in it,** so there is no emissions line for a vehicle registered in Mandeville. **The statute itself does not name parishes** and we could not verify the area's parish list from the agency's own page, so we do not print a list.

The state driver's guide names the cities running their own inspection programs as **New Orleans, Kenner and Westwego. Mandeville is not on that list,** and that is real information here, because Mandeville **is an incorporated city:** it could have been named and was not. **In practice:** the inspection regime here is the **state's** program, not the city's, and the transition rule above applies directly.

### IF YOU HAVE A SECOND ADDRESS ON THE SOUTH SHORE

- The large city on the south shore has a local name for its own inspection program, and the city's **live page** states that **as of July 31, 2026 it has paused both issuance and enforcement of that program for the rest of 2026.**
- **That same city's older pages still show the old schedule, and that is a conflict;** we take no side, but when you act, look **only at the live page.**
- **This rule does not apply directly to a Mandeville resident** (a vehicle here is not subject to that city's program), but it matters for a reader with a second address or a business on the south shore.

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## A dark traffic signal: four-way stop

The state driver's guide says: **when a traffic-control signal is not functioning at an intersection, the intersection reverts to a four-way stop.** This is not a disaster rule but a **permanent traffic rule,** and it has no equivalent in Türkiye. In a state with frequent power outages it is a real crash risk for a newcomer.

#### NO INSURANCE: NOT A FINE, YOUR PLATE

- From the state driver's guide: a driver stopped who cannot produce proof of insurance has the **license plate seized** and the **vehicle may be towed**.
- **If proof is not brought within three business days the plate is destroyed**, and all fees must be paid again to register.
- **Keep the proof in the vehicle**; keep a printed copy in the glove box, because a phone may not unlock.
- **The counterintuitive one**: when you sell the vehicle or end the policy, **surrender the plate to the agency first, then cancel the insurance**. In any other order the agency sees an uninsured registration in its system.
- **We do not print minimum liability limits**: they could only be read from an older stamped compilation. Confirm the current figure with your insurer.
- **No official statement was found on whether a Turkish claims-free record is recognized here**. We do not say it is not; **research found no agency text**. This is company policy, not a public rule.

## Who handles it: there is a city police department here

**This is a clear divergence from neighboring communities.** Mandeville has its own law enforcement, listed among the city's departments: the **Mandeville Police Department**. The city also has its own court, the Mayor's Court. So a traffic citation written inside the city limits may be a municipal matter; **if you are outside the city limits**, the counterpart is **St. Tammany Parish**. **The full docket of the mayor's court could not be verified**; read the name of the court **off the document itself**.

**One more item**: the operator of the bridge across the lake has **its own law enforcement force**. In a crash or a stop on the bridge your counterpart may be neither the city police nor the parish sheriff; the operator publishes its own public records fee schedule and it is not free. **A vehicle taken to the road skills test must also be in order**: the agency's own questions page requires, for the motorcycle exam, a **valid license plate, valid proof of insurance and a valid inspection sticker**. For the statewide rules, see [our Louisiana guide](#).



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