

New KS license plates placed on hold

(MSC News)--Production on the recently announced new Kansas license plates has been placed on hold, allowing the public input into the final design.

That word was released Tuesday by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, who, in a release from her office, said "elected officials should be responsive to their constituents, which is why [the State is] adjusting the process so Kansans can provide direct input on our state- next license plate."

According to the release, the Kansas Department of Revenue will pause production on the design revealed last week and create a process to receive public input before selecting a final design.

The release notes that one of the challenges of designing a license plate is meeting the primary reason license plates exist: to be clear and easy to read, with the release explaining that Kansans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite design among several that follow guidelines that comply with the needs of law enforcement entities and best practices established by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, including that license plate numbers will be seven digits; any phrase, motto, or slogan must be placed at the bottom of the license plate; any graphic must be placed on the right or left side of the license plate number, and must not resemble letters, numbers, or special characters in a way that would interfere with the ability to read the license plate number; and the license plate must have a light background behind the license plate number, and the license plate number must be black.

According to the release, the Governor- Office will soon share more details on license plate options, the voting process, and how the change impacts the transition from embossed to print-on-demand plates.

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