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Inventory and Other Records

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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The CUHL states that the chief administrative officer shall make or cause to be made a complete inventory of all machinery, equipment, tools, supplies and materials and file copies of the complete inventory with the county governing body and the chief executive officer of the county within sixty (60) days after taking office and thereafter a revised current inventory must be submitted by September 1 of each year effective the preceding July 1 of each year. This inventory also shall be maintained by the chief administrative officer and made available to the Comptroller for audit purposes. T.C.A. § 54-7-112.

All machinery, equipment, and tools are required to be plainly marked as the property of the county highway department. Each item must be numbered with the number entered on the inventory filed by the chief administrative officer. The county mayor/executive is obligated to examine these inventories for compliance with the law and may withhold funds from the county highway department until the chief administrative officer is in compliance. T.C.A. § 54-7-112.

Another type of record that the highway department must be careful with are personnel records. An employee's, including a former employee's, home telephone and personal cell phone numbers, bank account information, health savings account information, retirement account information, pension account information, Social Security number, residential address, driver's license information (except where driving is a part of the employee's job), and similar information for the employee's family and household members are confidential. Where this confidential information is part of a file or document that would otherwise be public information, such information shall be redacted if possible so that the public may still have access to the non-confidential portion of the file or document. T.C.A. § 10-7-504(f) & (g).

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