

Secretary of State
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING*
A Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact accompanies this form.

Oregon Department of State Police	Chapter 257/Division 050
Agency and Division	Administrative Rules Chapter Number

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RULE CAPTION

Clarifies which tow businesses and individuals are subject to the rules; method of recording hearings

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

November 24, 2009	10:30 AM	255 Capitol St., Basement Conference Room "C", Salem Oregon 97301	Lt. Ethan Wilson
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RULEMAKING ACTION

Secure approval of new rule numbers (Adopted or Renumbered rules) with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

ADOPT:

AMEND: 257-050-0020; 257-050-0040; 257-050-0050; 257-050-0060; 257-050-0070; 257-050-0090; 257-050-0095; 257-050-0100; 257-050-0110; 257-050-0115; 257-050-125; 257-050-0130; 257-050-0140; 257-050-0145; 257-050-0150; 257-050-0155; 257-050-0157; 257-050-0170; 257-050-0180; 257-050-0200

REPEAL:

RENUMBER:

AMEND & RENUMBER:

Stat. Auth. : ORS 181.440

Other Auth.:

Stats. Implemented: ORS 181.440

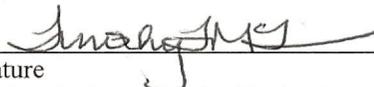
RULE SUMMARY

These amendments will make permanent the amendments contained in the temporary rules which became effective August 6, 2009. The administrative rules in existence prior to the temporary rule amendments referred to the undefined terms of "approved tow business," "authorized tow business," and "registered tow business," as well as the defined terms of "tow business" and "qualified tow business." Additionally, the rules required that "tow businesses" (when applying for a letter of appointment), or "qualified tow businesses" (after having received a letter of appointment) must be licensed as a "separate legal entity." Moreover, under ORS chapter 648, an "entity" for purposes of licensing includes domestic corporations but not assumed business names. The Department currently has several "qualified tow businesses" on the non-preference tow rotation list that operate under assumed business names. These rules clearly identify which tow businesses may conduct non-preference tows on behalf of the Department and create a clearer distinction between "tow businesses" generally and "qualified tow businesses" in particular, and clarify that "qualified tow businesses" include tow businesses that operate under assumed business names. These rules further clarify that tow businesses acting through their authorized agents or representatives must complete applications for letters of appointment and certify compliance with all applicable laws and the Department's administrative rules. These rules also clarify when the Department shall deny, suspend, or revoke either the application of a tow business, or the letter of appointment of a qualified tow business, when the tow business, qualified tow business, or owner or employee of a tow business or qualified tow business, is convicted of a felony conviction. Finally, these rules delete the requirement that Departmental hearings must be recorded on tape, and allows the Department to record hearings by any means, including digital recording.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing the negative economic impact of the rule on business.

Friday November 20

Last Day for Public Comment (Last day to submit written comments to the Rules Coordinator)

Signature 	Printed name Timothy McLean	Date 10-12-09
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