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RULE TITLE: Notification of Disposal of Abandoned Vehicle Appraised at \$1,000 or Less

NOTICE FILED DATE: 09/25/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Oregon Laws 2025, Chapter 415, sections 18 and 19 increased the appraisal value threshold for an abandoned vehicle to be towed. Previously set at \$500, the threshold is now \$1,000. Consequently, DMV must amend this rule to reflect the new threshold value.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) This rule designates the form of notice that must be submitted to DMV for the disposal of an abandoned vehicle appraised at a value of \$1,000 or less under the provisions of ORS 819.215.
- (2) For purposes of this rule the following definitions apply:
 - (a) "An authority" means a law enforcement or government agency, as described in ORS 819.140, authorized to take a vehicle into custody;
 - (b) "Dismantler" means a person who is the holder of a valid dismantler certificate issued under ORS 822.110; and
 - (c) "Tower" means the towing business that tows a vehicle at the request of an authority.
- (3) A completed and signed Abandoned Vehicle Certificate (DMV Form 271) must be submitted to DMV when an authority or tower disposes of an abandoned vehicle under ORS 819.215(1).
- (4) DMV will not accept an Abandoned Vehicle Certificate if the certificate:
 - (a) Does not contain the appraised value of the vehicle, the name of the dismantler to whom the vehicle will be disposed, and the certification, including the name, address and authorized signature of the authority or tower disposing of the vehicle;
 - (b) Does not include information sufficient for DMV to identify the vehicle such as the make, plate number, registration state, or vehicle identification number;
 - (c) Shows an appraised value of more than \$1,000; or
 - (d) Has a form revision date before December 1998.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 819.215

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 819.215

AMEND: 735-024-0077

RULE TITLE: Notification of Request to Dispose of a Vehicle Appraised at \$1,000 or Less Abandoned on Private Property

NOTICE FILED DATE: 09/25/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Oregon Laws 2025, Chapter 415, sections 18 and 19 increased the appraisal value threshold for an abandoned vehicle to be towed. Previously set at \$500, the threshold is now \$1,000. Consequently, DMV must amend this rule to reflect the new threshold value.

RULE TEXT:

(1) This rule designates the form of notice that must be submitted to DMV by an authority requested by a person to dispose of an abandoned vehicle appraised at a value of \$1,000 or less and abandoned on private property under the provisions of ORS 819.280.

(2) For purposes of this rule, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Authority" means a law enforcement or government agency authorized to dispose of an abandoned vehicle as described in ORS 819.140(1)(b) or (c).

(b) "Appraiser" means a person who is the holder of a valid vehicle appraiser certificate issued under ORS 819.480.

(c) "Dismantler" means a person who is the holder of a valid dismantler certificate issued under ORS 822.110.

(3) A completed and signed Vehicle Abandoned on Private Property Notice (DMV Form 735-272) must be submitted to DMV by an authority when the authority chooses to dispose of an abandoned vehicle as described under section (1) of this rule.

(4) A Vehicle Abandoned on Private Property Notice must include:

(a) The name and address of the authority disposing of the vehicle;

(b) The name and residence address of the person requesting the vehicle to be towed and disposed;

(c) The vehicle identification number;

(d) The registration plate number, if the registration plates are on the vehicle;

(e) The appraised value of the vehicle; and

(f) The appraiser's certificate number and signature.

(5) DMV will not accept a Vehicle Abandoned on Private Property Notice if the form:

(a) Does not contain all of the information listed in section (4) of this rule;

(b) Shows an appraised value of more than \$1,000; or

(c) Shows a form revision date before October 2008.

(6) DMV will accept an Abandoned Vehicle Certificate form if it has a revision date on or after October 2008.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 819.215, 819.280

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 819.215, 819.280