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RULE TITLE: Special Interest Registration

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RULE SUMMARY: DMV proposes to amend this rule to further specify the registration plates a customer may use when registering their vehicle as special interest.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) "Established organization" has the meaning, for the purpose of this rule, set forth in OAR 735-040-0010.
- (2) "Special interest registration" means the permanent registration under ORS 805.020 for vehicles of special interest and includes any documents or devices issued or approved as evidence of that registration.
- (3) To be eligible for special interest registration the vehicle must be a "vehicle of special interest" as defined in ORS 801.605.
- (4) To qualify for special interest registration the vehicle owner must submit to DMV:
 - (a) A completed Antique/Special Interest Vehicle Certification form (DMV Form 735-6577) certifying that the vehicle qualifies as a vehicle of special interest;
 - (b) The permanent registration fee established under ORS 803.420(10)(a); and
 - (c) All other applicable requirements for title and registration.
- (5) If the vehicle qualifies as a vehicle of special interest only under the provisions of ORS 801.605(3)(a)(B), the Antique/Special Interest Vehicle Certification form (DMV Form 735-6577) submitted must include a certification from the established organization that has sanctioned the vehicle as a vehicle of special interest.
- (6) A vehicle of special interest may be registered:
 - (a) With Oregon registration plates provided by the applicant and approved by DMV as provided in ORS 805.210 and 803.530; or
 - (b) With special interest registration plates issued by DMV.
- (7) DMV may not approve plates provided by the applicant for use on vehicles as special interest when the plates are:
 - (a) Special registration program plates issued under ORS 805.222;
 - (b) School bus or school activity vehicle registration plates issued under ORS 805.050;
 - (c) Government, state, or county-owned registration plates issued under ORS 805.040, 805.045, or 805.047;

- (d) Disabled veteran registration plates issued under ORS 805.100;
 - (e) Congressional Medal of Honor registration plates issued under ORS 805.103;
 - (f) Veterans' recognition and Gold Star Family registration plates issued under ORS 805.105;
 - (g) Former prisoners of war registration plates issued under ORS 805.110;
 - (h) Oregon National Guard registration plates issued under ORS 805.115;
 - (i) Honorary consul registration plates issued under ORS 805.117;
 - (j) Fleet registration plates issued under ORS 805.120;
 - (k) Special registration plates for certain groups issued under ORS 805.205;
 - (L) Amateur radio operator registration plates issued under ORS 805.230;
 - (m) Salmon registration plates issued under ORS 805.255;
 - (n) Cultural registration plates issued under ORS 805.260;
 - (o) Crater Lake National Park registration plates issued under ORS 805.263;
 - (p) Wine Country registration plates issued under ORS 805.266;
 - (q) Portland Trail Blazers registration plates issued under ORS 805.278;
 - (r) Breast cancer awareness registration plates issued under ORS 805.283;
 - (s) Pacific Wonderland registration plates issued under ORS 805.287;
 - (t) Farm vehicle registration plates issued under ORS 805.300;
 - (u) Antique registration plates originally issued under ORS 805.010;
 - (v) Historic registration plates;
 - (w) Special interest registration plates issued to special interest vehicles, as described in ORS 805.020;
 - (x) Customized registration plates, issued under ORS 805.240; or
 - (y) "Current issue" plates, as defined in OAR 735-046-0000.
- (8) In accordance with ORS 803.530(9), DMV will transfer one special interest registration plate when DMV's vehicle records show the special interest registration plate was issued as a pair and is assigned to a vehicle record not associated with an applicant. In addition to other requirements for the issuance of special interest registration, the applicant must submit a written statement from the owner of the plate, as listed in DMV's vehicle records, that contains:
- (a) The owner of the plate's full name;
 - (b) A declaration from the owner of the plate, as listed in DMV's vehicle records, that the owner understands that the plate and registration will be removed from the owner's vehicle and transferred to another vehicle;
 - (c) The signature of the owner of the plate; and either
 - (d) The vehicle identification number of the vehicle assigned the plate in DMV's vehicle records; or
 - (e) The make and model year of the vehicle assigned the plate in DMV's vehicle records.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 184.619, 801.605, 802.010, 803.530, 805.020, 805.030, 805.210

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 801.605, 803.350, 803.370, 803.420, 803.525, 803.530, 803.535, 805.020, 805.030, 805.210