



NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 735
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION

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FILING CAPTION: Vehicle Appraisals and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles

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

A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by a group with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Oregon Bulletin or 28 days from the date the Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the Oregon Bulletin at least 14 days before the hearing.

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

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 Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 735-024-0075 and OAR 735-024-0077 to reflect the new threshold value.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

Enrolled SB 840 (2025) -
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0840/Enrolled>

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

DMV believes the rule amendment will not have any impact on racial equity in this state. If there is any impact, the impact will be a result of the legislative change and not this rulemaking.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

See below.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) DMV does not believe there will be any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule amendments. The economic impacts are a result of the legislature's policy change

in Oregon Laws 2025, Chapter 415.

(2) DMV does not believe there will be an effect on small businesses as a result of the rule amendments. If there are any effects on small businesses, they are a result of the legislature's policy change in Oregon Laws 2025, Chapter 415. These effects are likely positive because SB 840 raised the statutory valuation requirement of unclaimed or abandoned (salvage) vehicles, which had not increased for over 30 years.

(2)(a) There are approximately 348 Oregon certified vehicle appraisers and approximately 800 Oregon tow operators, all of which are subject to the rule.

(2)(b) DMV believes there are no new costs or activities required to comply with the proposed rule amendments.

(2)(c) DMV believes there will be no costs of professional services, equipment supplies, labor or increased administration required to comply with the proposed rule amendments.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

DMV sent the draft rules to small business representatives and there were no responses.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

DMV is aligning its rules with the new appraised value threshold established by the legislature.

RULES PROPOSED:

735-024-0075, 735-024-0077

AMEND: 735-024-0075

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.

CHANGES TO RULE:

735-024-0075

Notification of Disposal of Abandoned Vehicle Appraised at \$51,000 or Less-

(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 \$51,000 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 \$51,000; or¶

(d) Has a form revision date before December 1998.¶

[ED. NOTE: Form referenced is available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ~~ORS 184.616~~, 184.619, 802.010, 819.215

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 819.215

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CHANGES TO RULE:

735-024-0077

Notification of Request to Dispose of a Vehicle Appraised at \$51,000 or Less Abandoned on Private Property¶¶

(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 \$51,000 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 \$51,000; 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