

Following are four pages:

Pages 1 – 2 are a sample of the Junk Vehicle Affidavit (JVA) issued by Pierce County Responds Code Enforcement Officers. This form must be completed by our staff only.

Page 3: Pierce County Responds will search the Department of Licensing database for the last registered owner. If none is found, this instruction sheet is issued with the JVA listing step-by-step instructions for removing the vehicle.

Page 4: Pierce County Responds will search the Department of Licensing database for the last registered owner. If a registered/legal owner is identified, it is your responsibility to notify them they have fifteen (15) days to remove the vehicle(s) from your property. This instruction sheet lists step-by-step instructions.



JUNK VEHICLE VERIFICATION, NOTIFICATION AND AFFIDAVIT

To qualify as a "Junk" vehicle, per RCW 46.55.010, a vehicle **MUST** meet three (3) of the following conditions:

- Must be at least three (3) years old
- Must be extensively damaged
- Must be apparently inoperable
- Must have a "Fair Market Value" equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it

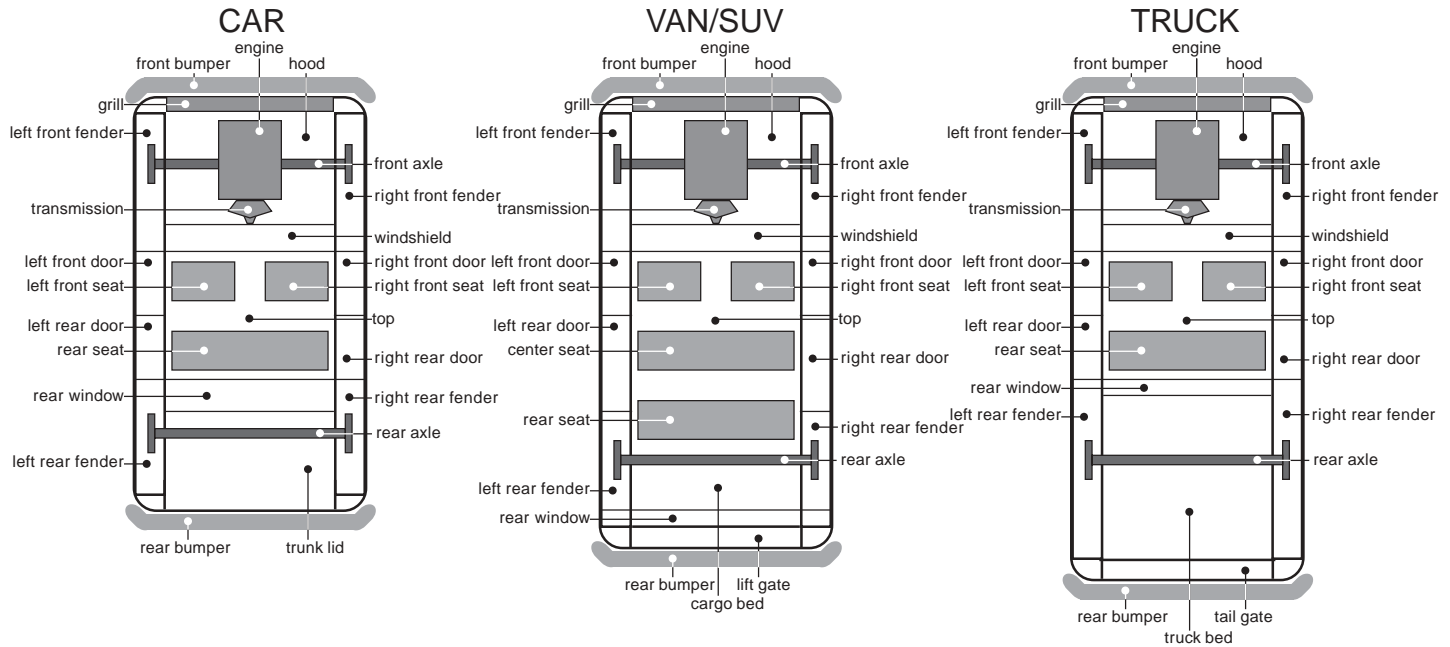
If the vehicle meets the above requirements, contact a law enforcement agency or an authorized junk vehicle inspector, to arrange for the inspection of the vehicle, per RCW 46.55.230. If not, refer to RCW 46.55 concerning abandoned vehicles.

NOTE: Under certain conditions, a Registered Tow Truck Operator (RTTO) may authorize the disposal of a Junk Vehicle in their possession.

1 VERIFICATION - To be completed by a law enforcement officer, an RTTO representative (limited), or an authorized junk vehicle inspector

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION				
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)
* REGISTERED OWNER'S NAME			REGISTERED OWNER'S ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)	
* LEGAL OWNER'S NAME			LEGAL OWNER'S ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)	

*** NOTE: If no Owner is found, enter "NONE" in appropriate spaces.
CIRCLE THE TYPE OF VEHICLE AND DAMAGED OR MISSING PARTS**



I have inspected the vehicle described above and certify that it meets the requirements set forth in RCW 46.55.010.
NOTE: The RTTO Representative is also certifying that the vehicle has been abandoned two or more times, the Registered Ownership has not been changed since the first abandonment and the Registered Owner is also the Legal Owner.

PRINTED NAME OF OFFICER, RTTO REPRESENTATIVE OR AUTHORIZED JUNK VEHICLE INSPECTOR _____ TITLE _____ OFFICER'S AGENCY OR RTTO COMPANY _____

BADGE OR PERSONNEL # _____ OFFICER, RTTO REPRESENTATIVE OR JUNK VEHICLE INSPECTOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

*The Department of Licensing has a policy of providing equal access to its services.
If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 902-3600 or TTY (360) 664-8885.*

2 NOTIFICATION - Landowner/RTTO: Please complete this section and mail a **COPY** of the **ENTIRE FORM** to both the Registered and Legal Owner(s), as well as any Lessee or Lessor, of the vehicle, listed on the front of this form. If no Owner information was found, proceed to Section 3.

TO: _____
REGISTERED OWNER/LESSEE NAME LEGAL OWNER/LESSOR NAME

You are hereby notified, as of this date, _____ YR _____ that the vehicle, described on the front of this form, may be disposed of, or the landowner/RTTO, identified below, may sign an affidavit of sale (Section 3) to be used as an ownership document for the purpose of selling the vehicle. This is in accordance with RCW 46.55.230.

FROM: _____
LANDOWNER/RTTO NAME LANDOWNER/RTTO SIGNATURE _____
LANDOWNER/RTTO ADDRESS LANDOWNER/RTTO TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

For the purposes of this notice, the term "Landowner" includes a legal owner of private property, a person with possession or control of private property, or a public official having jurisdiction over public property.

REDEMPTION PROCEDURE

VEHICLE OWNER'S RIGHTS:

The vehicle owner has the right to arrange for the removal of the vehicle within fifteen days after the landowner/RTTO has mailed notification to the vehicle owner.

LANDOWNER'S/RTTO RIGHTS IF A VEHICLE REMAINS UNCLAIMED

- a. If the vehicle remains unclaimed more than fifteen days after the landowner/RTTO has mailed notification to the owner, the landowner/RTTO may dispose of the vehicle or sign an affidavit of sale, to be used as an ownership document.
- b. The landowner of the property upon which the junk vehicle is located, is entitled to recover, from the vehicle's owner, all costs incurred in the removal of the junk vehicle.

3 LANDOWNER/RTTO AFFIDAVIT - Landowner/RTTO: If the vehicle is not claimed within fifteen days, or a vehicle owner was not found, have the following Landowner/RTTO Affidavit notarized. It may be used as an ownership document, to dispose of the vehicle. You are responsible for making arrangements for removal of the vehicle.

I hereby claim the right to dispose or retain the vehicle described on the front of this form, as provided in RCW 46.55.230.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- I mailed the Junk Vehicle Notification to the Registered and Legal Owner(s) or Lessee and Lessor, of the vehicle and the owner(s) have not redeemed the vehicle.
- No Registered or Legal Owner(s) information could be found.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and complete and that the disposition complies with the requirements set forth in RCW 46.55.230.

Signature of Landowner: _____ Date Signed: _____

<small>NOTARY SEAL OR STAMP</small>	NOTARIZATION / CERTIFICATION
	State of Washington Signed or attested County of _____ before me on _____
	by _____ Signature _____ <small>Printed Name of Person Signing Document</small> <small>Notary / Agent Signature</small>
	Notary's Name (PRINTED or STAMPED) _____
	Title _____ AND: Dealer No. OR _____ <small>Notary / Agent</small> <small>County / Office No. OR</small> _____ <small>Notary Expiration Date</small> _____

4 IF VEHICLE IS SOLD BY LANDOWNER OR RTTO

Purchaser's Name and Address _____

Signature of Purchaser: _____ Date of Sale _____

NOTE: If you intend to operate this vehicle after completion of repairs, **this form and the vehicle must be taken to the Washington State Patrol for inspection.** A separate WSP inspection form **must** be included with your title application. (RCW 46.12.030)

Junk Vehicle Affidavits Registered/Legal Owners Unknown

The Junk Vehicle Verification Notification and Affidavit(s) enclosed were processed and no owner information was found, or there is a report/affidavit of sale on record for the vehicle. The following steps are required to be completed by you:

1. On the back of the *Junk Vehicle Affidavit*, go to Section 3 and check the box that states: “No Registered or Legal Owner information could be found.”
2. Take the form and sign it in front of a notary public.
3. The completed notarized form is now the lawful title for the vehicle.
4. You may now contact a tow company or hulk hauler to remove the vehicle. Give them the notarized *Junk Vehicle Verification, Notification and Affidavit*.

This completes the process and your problem is resolved. If you have any questions during this process, contact your Pierce County Responds Code Enforcement Officer.

A list of hulk haulers can be found at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dol/dolprod/profquery>

Click on “Hulk Haulers” and then click on “Pierce County”

Junk Vehicle Affidavits Registered/Legal Owners Identified

The Junk Vehicle Verification Notification and Affidavit(s) enclosed have the registered/legal owner information included on the form within the box labeled “VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION.” The following steps are required to be completed by you:

1. On the back of the *Junk Vehicle Affidavit* write in the registered/legal owner information as indicated in Section 2, “NOTIFICATION.”
2. Make copies of both sides of the form and mail a copy to both the registered and legal owners.
3. **KEEP THE ORIGINAL.**
4. You must now give the owners fifteen (15) days to come and remove the vehicle(s). Mark your calendar for fifteen (15) days from the day you mailed the form(s).
5. After the fifteen (15) days have gone by:
 - a. If the owner came and took the vehicle, your problem is resolved.
 - b. If the owner did not come and get the vehicle, refer to Section 3, and place a check in the box indicating you mailed the form.
 - c. Take the form and sign it in front of a notary public.
 - d. The completed notarized form is now the lawful title for the vehicle.
 - e. You may not contact a tow company or hulk hauler to remove the vehicle and give them the notarized *Junk Vehicle Verification, Notification and Affidavit*.

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