

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT[761]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to documentation and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Transportation Department hereby proposes to amend Chapter 480, “Abandoned Vehicles,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 321.89 and 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2617.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 321.89.

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to align the rules with 2026 Iowa Acts, House File 2617, section 2, which reduces from 20 days down to 10 days the period within which the owner of an abandoned vehicle must be notified by the police authority or private entity that has taken custody of the abandoned vehicle.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 22, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- August 11, 2026

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 761—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

Ryan Pell
Department of Transportation
DOT Rules Administrator, Office of the Director
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010
Email: ryan.pell@iowadot.us

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally will be held as follows:

October 20, 2026 9 to 9:30 a.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 448 243 463#
October 20, 2026 1 to 1:30 p.m.	Microsoft Teams link Or dial: 515.817.6093 Conference ID: 140 642 59#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend paragraphs **480.5(2)“a”** and **480.5(2)“b”** as follows:

a. The police authority's impound report showing the date the vehicle was taken into custody, including a complete description of the vehicle. The date of abandonment is the date the vehicle was taken into custody unless the police authority declares a different date of abandonment. The abandonment date shall be used to calculate the ~~20-day~~ ten-day notification required under Iowa Code section 321.89(3).

b. A copy of the notice sent to the owner and lienholder(s) or proof of publication of notice. The notice must display a sent or published date within the ~~20-day~~ ten-day time frame required under Iowa Code section 321.89(3) to qualify the claim for reimbursement.