

761—400.20(321,321H) Junked vehicle.

400.20(1) *Junking certificate.* The owner of a vehicle that is to be junked or dismantled shall obtain a junking certificate when required by Iowa Code section 321.52.

400.20(2) *Required verification.*

a. One of the following shall satisfy the required verification when a vehicle owner junks or dismantles a vehicle to a licensed vehicle recycler under Iowa Code section 321.52(2) “*b*” or 321H.4A(2) “*b*”:

(1) The owner or authorized representative provides information to the licensed vehicle recycler who acquires the vehicle, including, at a minimum, government-issued photo identification and verification of prior reporting to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS). For a subsequent transaction with the licensed vehicle recycler, the vehicle owner or authorized representative is not required to provide government-issued photo identification if the licensed vehicle recycler has retained such information from a prior transaction. A licensed vehicle recycler is not required to report a vehicle verified under this subparagraph to the NMVTIS.

(2) The vehicle’s owner is a licensed vehicle recycler or is the authorized representative of an established commercial or industrial business, operating from a fixed location, that is known to the licensed vehicle recycler to be regularly engaged in the junking or dismantling of vehicles or may reasonably be expected to produce vehicles for junking or dismantling and has entered into a written agreement with the licensed vehicle recycler confirming it has reported the vehicles to the NMVTIS. The written agreement shall, at a minimum, contain the owner’s or authorized representative’s name and address. A licensed vehicle recycler is not required to report a vehicle covered under an agreement under this subparagraph to the NMVTIS.

(3) The licensed vehicle recycler obtains the vehicle owner’s or authorized representative’s name and the vehicle identification number for the vehicle being junked or dismantled, and the vehicle recycler reports the vehicle to the NMVTIS.

b. A licensed vehicle recycler acquiring a vehicle as described under this subrule shall cooperate with a law enforcement agency during normal business hours when the agency has reason to believe that fraud has occurred in connection with the junking or dismantling of the vehicle. A law enforcement agency shall maintain the information as confidential and shall not disclose the information to a third party, except as may be necessary for the prosecution of a criminal violation.

400.20(3) *Retitling a junked vehicle.* The department may authorize issuance of a new certificate of title to the vehicle owner named on the junking certificate only if the department determines that the junking certificate was issued in error.

a. The reasons a junking certificate was issued in error include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The owner inadvertently surrendered the wrong certificate of title. The owner shall submit to the department a photocopy of the ownership document for each vehicle and a signed statement explaining the circumstances that resulted in the error.

(2) A junking certificate was obtained in error and the vehicle continues to be registered. The owner shall submit to the department a photocopy of the current registration and a signed statement explaining the circumstances that resulted in the error.

(3) The owner intended to apply for a salvage title under Iowa Code section 321.52(4) but inadvertently submitted an application for a junking certificate. The owner shall submit to the department a bill of sale or other documentation from the previous owner stating that the vehicle was rebuildable when purchased and a signed statement explaining the owner’s original intention to obtain a salvage title. The department shall inspect the vehicle to verify the rebuildable condition.

b. If the department determines that the junking certificate was issued in error, the department will authorize the proper county treasurer to issue a certificate of title for the vehicle after payment by the owner of appropriate fees and taxes, including the return of any credit or refund for registration fees paid to the owner because of the error.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.52 and 321H.4A.

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