Application for Cancellation and Issuance of Certificate of Title to Qualified Tow Truck Operator

Fees: $12 for automobiles, vans, SUVs, trucks, buses, and logging trucks - all weighing one ton or less; $10 for all other vehicles

Additional fees and taxes may be due upon registration.

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Title and Registration Bureau

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On behalf of the undersigned qualified tow truck operator, I request that the department issue a certificate of title for the following vehicle in the name of the applicant:

Year	Make	Model	Ton	License Plate

Vehicle Identification Number	Color	Title Number (if known)

In support of this application, I certify under penalty of law (MCA 45-7-203) that:

The applicant is a qualified tow truck operator, as defined in MCA 61-8-903, who is applying for a certificate of title for a wrecked or disabled vehicle. *(Complete parts 1 and 3)*

1. If applying for title to a wrecked or disabled vehicle under MCA 61-8-913, the following information is provided:
   (a) On the ____ day of _____, 20 _____, the applicant did lawfully remove the above-described wrecked or disabled vehicle from a public roadway at the request of a law enforcement officer under authority of MCA 61-8-908; and since that date, the applicant has been in continuous and undisputed possession of the described vehicle;
   (b) On the ____ day of _____, 20 _____, and within 15 days after the vehicle was removed as detailed in 1(a) above, the applicant sent a certified letter to the vehicle owner and the secured party(s), if any, of record for the vehicle, notifying the owner and any secured party(s) that the vehicle had been removed from a public roadway by the applicant at the request of law enforcement under MCA 61-8-908; and was being stored by the applicant, and that all towing and storage costs must be paid to the applicant before the vehicle could be reclaimed by the owner or secured party(s); *a copy of the certified letter and the associated USPS return receipt(s) is attached;*
   (c) More than 30 days have passed since the certified letter was postmarked and the vehicle has not been reclaimed nor have the accrued towing and storage costs been paid, therefore, Montana law authorizes cancellation of any previously issued title, removal of any perfected security interests, and issuance of a title to the applicant.

The applicant is a qualified tow truck operator, as defined in MCA 61-8-903, who is applying for a certificate of title for an abandoned vehicle. *(Complete parts 2 and 3)*

2. If applying for title to an abandoned vehicle under MCA 61-12-406, the following information is provided:
   (a) On the ____ day of _____, 20 ____, the applicant did lawfully remove the above-described abandoned vehicle from a public roadway at the request of the Montana Highway Patrol, the county sheriff, or city police, under authority of MCA 61-12-401;
   (b) The owner/secured party notification requirements of MCA 61-12-402 were satisfied by the appropriate county sheriff, city police, or duly authorized agent thereof, by certified mail postmarked _____, or newspaper publication on _____, and more than 30 days have passed from such date, without the owner, secured party, or other person reclaiming the vehicle and paying accrued towing and storage costs for the vehicle;
   (c) The sheriff or city police have elected not to sell the abandoned vehicle and the sheriff or city police issued the attached certificate of release for the vehicle to the applicant, in accordance with MCA 61-12-405; certificate of release is attached.

3. In consideration of the issuance of the certificate of title as requested, the applicant agrees to indemnify the department, the Chief of the Title and Registration Bureau and all persons acting on behalf of the department or Chief, from any and all liability which may be incurred by the issuance of such certificate and agree, at the applicant's expense, to defend any suit which may be brought against the department, Chief, or any person acting under authority of the department or Chief, as a result of a certificate of title being issued to the applicant.

Printed name _____

Title or authority _____ Signature _____
(This is my legal signature)

Tow Truck Operator _____
Business name DL/FEIN/Tribal ID/Corp ID*

_____
Mailing Address

_____
City State Zip

* DL=Driver license number; FEIN=Federal Employer Identification Number; Tribal ID=Tribal identification card; Corp ID=Corporate identification number

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