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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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Washington Administrative Code
Notice of Permanent Rules for
WAC 308-61-195, WAC 308-61-197, WAC 308-61-203, and WAC 308-61-215

Adoption of: WAC 308-61-195 Abandoned recreational vehicle – Criteria and required information; WAC 308-61-197 Abandoned recreational vehicle – Application and review; WAC 308-61-203 Abandoned recreational vehicle – Reimbursements; and WAC 308-61-215 Abandoned recreational vehicle – Rates and caps.

Effective date: These rule changes will become effective 31 days after filing or on March 25, 2026

What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?
The proposed amendments will improve the efficiency of the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Program and remove unnecessary barriers for DOL's processing partners.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and the agency's response to those comments:

Feedback Type:	In Favor:	Neutral:	Oppose:
Public testimony	0	1	
Written	0	2	
Total:	**0**	**3**	**0**

Comments	
Paraphrased Comment	**Department Response**
The proposed rules don't address the reimbursement rates for wrecking yards.	Rates and caps for all components of the program are awaiting additional information and responses from the Department of Revenue regarding taxes on reimbursements, as well as the 2025-2027 financial plan conclusions. Once staff have that information the Department will share that information with those who participate in the Abandoned RV program and will consider

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	any feedback or recommendations for future rulemaking.
There are concerns regarding RVs found with no VIN number processed by WSP and other inspectors. It might be helpful to add “or unique identifying information” to the list of information DOL requires when requesting a reimbursement.	Current rule language in WAC 308-61-195 only requires a VIN number if it is available. This proposed rule change will not alter that language. If a VIN number is not available then it is not required.
Wreckers and scrappers would like to have the number of days allowed to submit a request for reimbursement increased from 60 to 90 days.	Program data gathered from the last 4 years show that wreckers usually provide the required documentation on time and doesn’t indicate a need to extend the proposed time frame or create a different time frame than that of RTTO’s. Additionally, the Department is exploring ways to reduce documentation requirements, rather than extending timeframes for submittal. If there are cases where an extension in the timeframe would have resulted in a different outcome, please reach out to the program to provide that documentation so that we can better understand the issue.
Initial processing of reimbursement requests should be made within 30 days, and once processed, funds should be disbursed within 30 days. Additionally, if program funds are depleted, participants should be notified immediately and then participants should be notified again once funds are available.	The Department appreciates this feedback on our timelines and communications. We staff the Abandoned RV program based on an allotment from the legislature. With current staffing levels, we are not able to meet this proposed timeline. We are working on approving our accounting processes as an agency and hope to see a decrease in the timeline to process disbursements for approved requests. Current rule language in WAC 308-61-203 requires the Department to notify participants of program fund depletion.

Written comments were submitted regarding this rule change and there was oral testimony. Each of the questions or comments received by the department are included in the summary above.

Changes made to the proposed WAC as a result of public comment: None

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