

Transcript of public hearing on rulemaking for Chapter 308-61 WAC

Ellis Starrett (00:11):

Good morning. This is a public hearing before the Washington State Department of Licensing being held to elicit public testimony, both oral and written, with regard to proposed rules amending WAC 308-61-195, WAC 308-61-197, WAC 308-61-203, and WAC 308-61-215, all relating to the abandoned recreational vehicles. These proposed rules will improve the efficiency of the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Program and remove unnecessary barriers for DOL's processing partners.

(00:52):

This hearing is being held via Zoom and in person at 1125 Washington Street Southeast, Olympia, Washington. This hearing is taking place at 9:00 AM on January 29th, 2026. Public notice of the hearing was given by notice number WSR 25-15-158 filed with the Code Reviser's Office on December 23rd, 2025. The department posts all of our rulemaking information on dol.wa.gov/about/rulemaking-activity, and this is where you can access all rulemaking notices and proposed language for this rulemaking. You can also email me, and I'm happy to provide you with all of the records related to the rulemaking.

(01:37):

The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.01.110 and RCW 46.53.010. My name is Ellis Starrett, and my title is rules and policy manager. The director of licensing has designated me to preside over this hearing. Representatives of the Washington State Department of Licensing are present today if there are questions. Chanté Vernie, assistant administrator; William Lobato, I'm so sorry, William, if I mispronounced that, abandoned RV program manager; Brandon Bannister, legislative policy analyst, and I believe that's it for today.

(02:22):

The procedure today will be as follows: The department is required to make a record of this hearing by stenographic, mechanical, or electronic means. Therefore, we are audio-recording this hearing. For virtual attendees wishing to testify, please provide your name and contact information in the chat or tell us when we ask if there's anyone to testify when you unmute.

(02:44):

For those in the room wishing to testify who have not already noted their desire to testify on the sign-in sheet, please wait for me to ask the room if there's anyone willing to testify and notify me at that time. I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to the sign-in sheet. This sign-in sheet will be used to call forward individuals for

testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results and the agency's response to comments.

(03:08):

You will be called to testify in the order in which I collect your information. To assist in preparing the record for this public hearing, individuals testifying today should state their name, who they represent if they are testifying on behalf of others, and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules. The department has received written comments on these proposed rules just this morning.

(03:28):

For those wishing to provide written comments, please hand them to me or email them to me at rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, and we will include them in the formal record and our response to questions. I have provided our email in the chat. Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now, we will hear oral statements from those present, and I'm going to go back and just see. I don't believe anyone is wanting to testify. So if there is anyone wishing to testify, please go ahead and unmute and do so.

Holly Crowley (04:10):

I guess I do. Sorry.

Ellis Starrett (04:12):

No. No, please do. Why we have these. Go ahead, Holly.

Holly Crowley (04:17):

Hi, my name is Holly Crowley, and I am with Gene Meyer Towing, Bankers Auto Wrecking, and part of the Towing and Recovery Association of Washington. I am currently concerned about the wrecking yard pricing, because I thought we were going to reconvene and talk about pricing. My only concern with the whole thing is the rates for the wrecking yard, and I just want to put that on record that...

Ellis Starrett (04:50):

Yes. Thank you so much, Holly.

Holly Crowley (04:58):

That's it. Thank you.

Ellis Starrett (04:59):

Okay. Is there anyone else wanting to testify? Okay. Hearing no one. Thank you for your comments. The department will prepare a concise explanatory statement, which will, among other things, summarize all the oral and written comments received regarding the proposed rules and respond to them by category or subject matter. This hearing is now adjourned. I'm going to stop the recording, but I'm not going to end the call.