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County Executive



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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed is the application for authority to dispose of an abandoned motor vehicle which you requested. Specific attention should be given to the vehicle description which **MUST** include the serial number (VIN) or a reason why it has not been included (i.e., removed, destroyed, etc.). Please be specific as to the location of the vehicle on your property and include a daytime telephone number on the application. This application must be completed as accurately as possible and returned to the below location;

Investigations & Special Operations Command  
Howard County Police Department  
Attn: M. Lloyd  
11226 Scaggsville Road  
Laurel, MD 20723

You may also scan completed applications and send to email [mnlloyd@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:mnlloyd@howardcountymd.gov)

Once the completed application has been returned to this Department, a police officer or auxiliary officer will respond to your property to confirm the vehicle identification number. A computer inquiry will then be made to identify the last registered owner and any lien holders. The last registered owner and any lien holders will then be sent a letter notifying them of your intent to dispose of the abandoned vehicle. The vehicle will also be advertised at the Circuit Courthouse in Ellicott City.

By authority of the Transportation Article of the State of Maryland, the owner or lien holder must reclaim the vehicle within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the letter. If the vehicle is unclaimed during this period, you will be issued authority to dispose of the vehicle. It will be your responsibility to contact a towing company or dismantler to remove the vehicle once you have received the Certificate of Authority.

As you can see, the entire process is regulated by state law and is designed to protect both the property and vehicle owners. The processing of an application should be completed within 30 to 60 days. Please advise this Department if the vehicle is removed from your property during the interim period.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Melissa Lloyd at (410) 313-4778.

Sincerely,

Major Ellsworth Jones  
Deputy Chief, ISOC

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