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Motor Vehicle Junk Dealers

Sec. 14-67q-1. Defined. Requirements

A “motor vehicle junk dealer” is any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of purchasing motor vehicles for the purpose of dismantling the vehicles for parts or use of the metal for scrap. He shall have a suitable and adequate place of business which shall be determined by the commissioner of motor vehicles and shall be required to show proof of good moral character.

(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-2.

Repealed, July 19, 1990.

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Sec. 14-67q-3. Definitions

(1) “Salvage motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle purchased or obtained by a motor vehicle junkyard for the value of parts contained on such vehicle, and stored in the motor vehicle junkyard area reserved for such vehicles;

(2) “Scrap motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle purchased or obtained by a motor vehicle junkyard for the purpose of processing such motor vehicle for the scrap metal thereon, and stored in a portion of the yard reserved for such processing, and

(3) “Processed motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle that has been processed for easy transportation, including the disassembling, separating, cutting, crushing or compacting of the body shell in such manner as to provide for safety in stacking.

(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-4. Area required for storage of salvage motor vehicles

Each licensed motor vehicle junkyard shall maintain a separate and distinct area for the storage of salvage motor vehicles, and such area shall in no case exceed eighty per cent of the licensed and usable area of such yard.

(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-5. Transfer from salvage area to processing section

Any vehicle purchased for salvage and stored in the portion of the yard reserved for salvage vehicles shall be removed from such area and stored or deposited in the processing section of such yard when the usable parts of such vehicle have been removed.

(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-6. Location of stored vehicles

Each salvage or scrap motor vehicle stored or deposited within a motor vehicle junkyard shall be so located as to be within one hundred feet of an accessible roadway or driveway with a minimum width of twelve feet, such driveway or roadway being connected to a public road or highway.

(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-7. Proximity to other vehicles

With the exception of a motor vehicle placed or stored on top of another, no scrap or salvage motor vehicle shall be located closer than one foot to an adjacent vehicle, provided when scrap or salvage motor vehicles are deposited or stored in

a continuous line not to exceed four passenger motor vehicles in length, it shall be necessary only to maintain the one-foot separation between the sides of such vehicles.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-8. Location of vehicles purchased for scrap

Each motor vehicle purchased or obtained for scrap shall be deposited or stored in the portion of the yard reserved for the processing of vehicles.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-9. Stacking of processed vehicles

The stacking of processed motor vehicles in a motor vehicle junkyard is prohibited except in the area reserved for such processing.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-10. Stacking of other motor vehicles

Stacking of motor vehicles, other than processed motor vehicles, at a height greater than two vehicles is prohibited.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-11. Stacking of processed vehicles in processing area

The stacking of processed motor vehicles in the area reserved for such processing is permitted, provided the perimeter of the base of each such stack or pile shall be set back from the boundaries of the licensed junkyard property at a distance equal to the highest point of such stack or pile.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-12. Removal of parts. Restraint of dogs

No person other than the owner or employee of a licensed motor vehicle junkyard or motor vehicle dealer or repairer shall be allowed to remove parts from, or disassemble or assemble, any vehicle located therein. During business hours of each yard all guard dogs shall be restrained.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-13. Removal and return of registration plates

All registration plates displayed on, or contained in, any motor vehicle purchased by a motor vehicle junkyard shall immediately be removed from such vehicle and returned to the motor vehicle department.
(Effective June 29, 1984)

Sec. 14-67q-14. Fence requirement

Fences required by Section 14-67r of the General Statutes shall be made of solid wood, metal, or opaque plastic of sufficient thickness and durability to remain in position under normal windloading and weather conditions. Posts or supports for fences shall be of sufficient depth or weight to remain in vertical or upright position. It is the responsibility of the licensee to repair and maintain fences.
(Effective December 29, 1988)

Sec. 14-67q-15. Application requirements

- (a) Each applicant for a Connecticut motor vehicle junkyard license shall file with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Dealers and Repairer's Division:
 - (1) An application on a form provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(2) An advertisement from a newspaper for a hearing to be held by the town or city in which the junkyard is to be located for the purpose of approving such junkyard. The advertisement shall be an original taken from a newspaper. Copies of the advertisement are not acceptable;

(3) An examination fee as required by statute;

(4) A certificate of approval of the location endorsed on the application by the local authorities in the city or town in which the junkyard is located. Local authorities means the Zoning Commission, or if there is no Zoning Commission in the municipality, the selectman, the mayor of the city or the warden of the borough;

(5) If requested by the department, a certificate of approval of the location from the State Department of Transportation; and

(6) A site drawing.

(b) Upon approval of the application by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the applicant must submit the following:

(1) The statutory license fee;

(2) Fees for any registrations (marker plates) desired;

(3) Proof of financial responsibility; and

(4) A sales tax permit number obtained from the State Tax Department.

(Effective July 19, 1990)

Sec. 14-67q-16. Site drawing specifications

A site drawing must meet the following specifications:

(1) Every site drawing of the proposed property location must be scaled, and the maximum permissible scale is 1" = 40' (one inch equals forty feet);

(2) Drawings must be in ink or other permanent process. Pencil drawings are not acceptable;

(3) The drawing(s) must show the proposed property to be licensed, all buildings on the property and the point(s) of access to public roads;

(4) Dimensions must be given for the proposed property, for all buildings on the property, and for the point(s) of access to public roads;

(5) All buildings must show all doors, service areas, parts storage areas and offices;

(6) All rights of way, if any, must be indicated;

(7) All gasoline hoses, if any, must be indicated;

(8) All waste retention facilities, showing capacity, must be indicated;

(9) Each drawing must include the name and address of the person who prepared the drawing and its date of preparation;

(10) The applicant for license must sign the drawing;

(11) Revisions of the drawing must be made in ink or other permanent medium, or in indelible pencil.

(Effective July 19, 1990)

Sec. 14-67q-17. Changes in site

(a) The licensee shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, Dealers and Repairers Division, and obtain its approval prior to any changes in the use of the location site, or any part of the location site, to a use different from that for which the location site was initially approved.

(b) The licensee shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, Dealers and Repairers Division, submit a revised site plan, and obtain approval prior to any of the following changes to the site:

(1) Addition to or removal of a building or any portion of a building;

- (2) Addition of adjacent land to the site;
 - (3) Deletion of existing land from the site; or
 - (4) Any changes to the site, or any part of the site, which would require a change in the site plan as originally submitted.
- (Effective July 19, 1990)

Sec. 14-67q-18. Parts not for resale

The words establishment, operation or maintenance of a motor vehicle junkyard or motor vehicle junk business shall include the accumulation of motor vehicle parts or old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage or other waste or discarded or secondhand material which has been a part, or is or was intended to be a part, of any motor vehicle, the sum of which parts or material shall be equal in bulk to two or more motor vehicles, whether or not the parts are for sale or resale, or whether or not intended for use or display.

(Effective July 19, 1990)