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DERELICT VEHICLE DISPOSAL AMNESTY PROGRAM INFORMATION

GOALS

The County of Hawai'i wishes to reduce the number of derelict cars on the Big Island since their presence contributes negatively in so many ways to our island environment. The scrap metal recovery market has been economically viable in recent years thereby reducing costs of recycling scrap metal. The County is continuing the Derelict Vehicle Disposal Amnesty Program for the removal and recycling of derelict vehicles in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and County regulations from fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2008.

GUIDELINES

- This program is designed to remove derelict vehicles only.
- Whereas abandoned vehicles may be driven again, derelict vehicles are inoperable. If a vehicle is determined to be abandoned rather than derelict, then the application will be deemed invalid. According to Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) 290-8, vehicles are considered derelict if major parts have been removed or material damage to the vehicle has rendered the vehicle inoperable and one of the following conditions exist:
 1. The vehicle is registered for the current registration period and the legal owner no longer resides at the address on record with the County Director of Finance, or
 2. The vehicle has been registered for the current or previous registration period and the legal owners disclaim ownership, or
 3. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and license plates have been removed so as to nullify efforts to locate or identify the current registered and legal owners, or
 4. The vehicle has not been registered for the current or previous registration periods, or
 5. Vehicle registration records contain no record that the vehicle has ever been registered in the county, or
 6. The vehicle is 10 model years old or older.
- The property owner must sign an affidavit attesting to certain facts concerning the ownership and exact location of the derelict vehicle(s). Consent to enter the private property and a release of liability for the County and their representatives and/or agents must be given to the County in order to access the derelict vehicle(s).
- The County will notify the property owner once a determination has been made on their application.

RESTRICTIONS

- No more than two (2) derelict vehicles per owner, or per parcel, will be removed through this program.
- Requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a priority system that determines the order of response for eligible derelict vehicles that may be adjusted depending upon availability of funds.
- It must be physically possible for a County-contracted tow truck to safely and efficiently remove the derelict vehicle(s). If the tow truck operator determines that the vehicle cannot be towed away safely with reasonable effort, then the County is under no obligation to remove the vehicle(s).
- All applications will be acted upon at the discretion of the County.