

Proper Junking/Cancelling of Destroyed Mobile Homes – Florida Statute 319.30

Over the past year, our area has experienced significant damage from two major hurricanes. As many of you know, a number of mobile homes were destroyed beyond repair. We are reaching out to ensure that everyone understands the required process for properly junking or cancelling a destroyed mobile home (MH) according to Florida Statute 319.30.

While the responsibility ultimately rests with the owner of the mobile home, we are also seeing situations where park managers are allowing new units to be placed on lots without ensuring the previous homes have been properly junked or cancelled. When this happens, park records are not kept up to date, and residents are not being assisted in following the required legal process. This creates compliance issues for both the homeowner and the park.

Why This Matters

When a destroyed MH is not properly junked in the state system:

- The home remains active in the State DMV/HSMV database
- Renewal notices continue to be generated each year
- Residents end up receiving **two renewal notices** — one for the old destroyed MH and one for the replacement MH now on the lot
- This leads to confusion, unnecessary fees, and avoidable customer frustration

To prevent this, compliance with the statute is required.

REQUIRED ACTION FOR DESTROYED MOBILE HOMES

Florida Statute **§319.30** outlines the process for cancelling ("junking") a mobile home that has been destroyed, scrapped, or rendered unusable.

If a mobile home in your park was destroyed in a hurricane or removed from service for any reason, the owner must:

1. **Surrender the original title** (if available),
2. Complete a **Mobile Home Affidavit** (Please see attached copy of the affidavit).
3. Provide documentation confirming destruction (e.g., insurance total-loss letter, disposal receipt, written statement from park or contractor),
4. Submit the completed paperwork to any Florida Tax Collector's Office so the MH can be properly retired in the State DMV database.

Once processed, the title will be cancelled, and **future renewals will no longer be issued.**

PARK RESPONSIBILITY

We are asking all MH parks to:

- Please ensure your residents are aware of this requirement
- Encourage or assist residents with completing the junking/cancelling process promptly
- Notify new incoming residents that any previous MH on the lot must be fully Junked/Cancelled before installing a replacement unit

Your cooperation will reduce confusion, eliminate unnecessary renewal notices, and ensure compliance with Florida law.

To complete this process, please schedule an appointment by calling **941-741-4809** and visiting our downtown office at:

1001 3rd Ave West, Suite 240, Bradenton, FL 34205.

Florida Statute 319.30

(2)(a) Each person mentioned as owner in the last issued certificate of title, when such motor vehicle or mobile home is dismantled, destroyed, or changed in such manner that it is not the motor vehicle or mobile home described in the certificate of title, shall surrender his or her certificate of title to the department, and thereupon the department shall, with the consent of any lienholders noted thereon, enter a cancellation upon its records. Upon cancellation of a certificate of title in the manner prescribed by this section, the department may cancel and destroy all certificates in that chain of title. Any person who knowingly violates this paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b)1. When a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or mobile home is sold, transported, delivered to, or received by a salvage motor vehicle dealer, the purchaser shall make the required notification to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, and it shall be accompanied by:

- a. A valid certificate of title issued in the name of the seller or properly endorsed, as required in s. 319.22, over to the seller;
- b. A valid salvage certificate of title issued in the name of the seller or properly endorsed, as required in s. 319.22, over to the seller; or
- c. A valid certificate of destruction issued in the name of the seller or properly endorsed over to the seller.

2. Any person who knowingly violates this paragraph by selling, transporting, delivering, purchasing, or receiving a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or mobile home without obtaining a properly endorsed certificate of title, salvage certificate of title, or certificate of destruction from the owner or does not make the required notification to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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