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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to transportation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 184.752, 822.125 and 822.140; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

DISMANTLERS

SECTION 1. ORS 822.140 is amended to read:

822.140. (1) To meet the requirement for local government approval of a dismantler certificate under ORS 822.110 or a supplemental certificate under ORS 822.125, an applicant must comply with any regulations established by a city or county under this section and must obtain the approval of the governing body of the:

(a) City, if the business is or will be carried on within an incorporated city of less than 100,000 population.

(b) County, if the business is or will be carried on outside of any incorporated city.

(2) A city or county governing body shall grant approval of a dismantler certificate [*or renewal*] **or a supplemental certificate** when requested under this section if the governing body:

(a) Approves the applicant as being suitable to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle dismantling business;

(b) Determines that the location or proposed location meets the requirements for location under ORS 822.110;

(c) Determines that the location does not violate any prohibition under ORS 822.135; and

(d) Approves the location and determines that the location complies with any regulations adopted by a city or county under this section.

(3) The governing body of a city or county may regulate the expansion of premises or the establishment of premises at a new location under a dismantler certificate. An applicant must comply with the regulations before the Department of Transportation may issue a supplemental dismantler certificate. In adopting regulations under this subsection, a governing body:

(a) Shall consider the extent of development of surrounding property as a residential area;

(b) Shall consider the proximity of churches, schools, hospitals, public buildings or other places of public gathering;

(c) Shall consider the sufficiency in number of other motor vehicle dismantling businesses in the vicinity;

- (d) Shall consider the health, safety and general welfare of the public;
- (e) May establish zones in which motor vehicle dismantling businesses are permissible and other zones where they are prohibited; and
- (f) May prescribe limitations on the dimensions of the premises on which motor vehicle dismantling businesses are conducted.

(4) Regulations of a city governing body that are adopted under this section apply to motor vehicle dismantling businesses located outside of and within six miles of the boundaries of the city unless the county governing body in which the area is located has adopted regulations under this section that are applicable in the area.

(5) Before granting approval for a supplemental dismantler certificate, the governing body of a city or county shall notify all property owners that are or that will be adjacent to the motor vehicle dismantling business once the business moves, expands or opens an additional place of business.

SECTION 2. ORS 822.125 is amended to read:

822.125. (1) The holder of a current, valid dismantler certificate issued under ORS 822.110 is not subject to the prohibitions and penalties under ORS 822.100 as long as the holder's motor vehicle dismantling business is conducted in the location approved under the certificate.

(2) The holder of a dismantler certificate may expand the dimensions or move a place of business approved under the dismantler certificate or open an additional place of business under the certificate upon issuance of a supplemental dismantler certificate by the Department of Transportation. The following apply to supplemental certificates issued under this subsection:

(a) The department shall grant a supplemental certificate upon request of an applicant under this subsection if the applicant obtains local government permission for the supplemental certificate under ORS 822.140.

[(b) Upon application for renewal of the supplemental certificate, the department may waive the requirement that an applicant for renewal under this subsection obtain local government approval under ORS 822.140 of the suitability of the applicant to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle dismantling business.]

[(c)] (b) A fee shall be charged for a supplemental dismantler certificate under ORS 822.700.

(3) A dismantler certificate is valid for a two-year period and may be renewed as provided by the department. The department shall only renew the certificate of any certificate holder who does all of the following:

(a) Pays the required fee for renewal under ORS 822.700.

(b) Completes the application described in ORS 822.115.

[(c) Obtains local government approval under ORS 822.140. The department may waive the requirement that an applicant for renewal obtain local government approval under ORS 822.140 of the suitability of the applicant to establish, maintain or operate a motor vehicle dismantling business.]

[(d)] (c) Maintains a current bond that meets the requirements under ORS 822.120.

(4) The department may provide the holder of a dismantler certificate with identification cards in the names of the owners of the business or in the names of authorized employees of the business.

(5) The department may adopt suitable rules for the issuance and renewal of dismantler certificates and identification cards.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS

SECTION 3. ORS 184.752 is amended to read:

184.752. As used in ORS 184.752 to 184.766:

(1) "Public transportation service provider" includes a qualified entity and a city, county, special district, intergovernmental entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation that provides public transportation services and is not otherwise described in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) "Qualified entity" means the following:

(a)(A) Counties in which no part of a mass transit district or transportation district exists; **or**

(B) Intergovernmental entities who are providing public transportation services on behalf of a county;

(b) Mass transit districts organized under ORS 267.010 to 267.394;

(c) Transportation districts organized under ORS 267.510 to 267.650; and

(d)(A) Federally recognized Indian tribes; or

(B) Intergovernmental entities who are providing public transportation services on behalf of a tribe.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 4. The unit captions used in this 2026 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2026 Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 5. This 2026 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2026 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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