

**WAC 308-10-075 Disclosure of vehicle owner information. (1)**

Laws protecting vehicle owner information from disclosure. Vehicle record information may be protected from disclosure under chapters 42.56 and 46.12 RCW, and 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2721.

(2) Disclosing names and addresses of vehicle owners.

(a) Government agencies; or

(b) Business entities who provide proof of business verification;

or

(c) Vehicle manufacturers and vehicle component manufacturers that require vehicle ownership information for recall of their own product(s); or

(d) Individuals who provide proof of identity and:

(i) The owner of record is requesting the information for a vehicle(s) currently registered in their name; or

(ii) They can provide either a letter of testamentary, letter of administration, court order, or a signed and notarized department of licensing form and a death certificate of the deceased; or

(iii) They have documentation showing how they obtained the vehicle; or

(iv) They are following the chattel lien process as required by RCW 60.08.085.

(3) In order for the department to disclose names and addresses of individual vehicle owners, the requestor must provide:

(a) Acceptable verification or proof of identity as stated in subsection (4) or (5) of this section; and

(i) A contract with the department; or

(ii) A disclosure form or agreement with the department as required by RCW 46.12.635.

(b) Any other supporting documentation as requested by the department.

(4) Acceptable business verification.

(a) If the requestor is a business, one of the following:

(i) A copy of its current/valid business or professional license;

or

(ii) If the requestor is a business that is not required to be licensed, its federal employer identification number, federal tax number, or uniform business identifier number on its official business letterhead with a signature of the owner or an authorized representative.

(b) If the requestor is an attorney, a copy of:

(i) Their eligibility to practice law, including proof that their license is in a current/active status; and

(ii) An engagement letter, notice showing the attorney is representing someone, or evidence of an active case in court.

(c) If the requestor is a private investigator, a copy of:

(i) Their current/valid private investigator's license; and

(ii) An engagement letter, notice showing the private investigator is representing someone, or evidence of an active case in court.

(5) Proof of identity.

Acceptable forms of identification include, but are not limited to:

(a) A current/valid driver's license or instruction permit issued by any U.S. state or foreign government. If the requestor's driver license has expired, they must also show a valid temporary driver's license with the expired card; or

(b) A current/valid United States armed forces identification; or

- (c) A current/valid merchant marine identification card issued by the United States Coast Guard; or
- (d) A current/valid identification card issued by any foreign, federal, or state government; or
- (e) A current/valid official U.S. passport or an unexpired foreign passport; or
- (f) A current/valid enrollment card issued by the governing authority of a state or federally recognized Indian tribe.

Note: The department, at its own discretion, may waive the requirement in subsection (5) of this section and accept other documentation that clearly establishes the identity of the requestor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110 and chapter 42.56 RCW. WSR 23-09-006, § 308-10-075, filed 4/6/23, effective 5/7/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110 and 46.12.635. WSR 14-01-051, § 308-10-075, filed 12/12/13, effective 1/12/14.]