

810-5-1-.202**Government License Plates**

(1) Purpose. In accordance with §40-12-250, Code of Ala. 1975, motor vehicles owned by, and used by an agency of the state, county, municipality, or a volunteer fire department must apply to the department for permanent license plates. This includes motor vehicles on loan to such entities from the United States or any agency thereof.

(2) Registration Requirements. (a) The governmental entity or volunteer fire department must utilize the department's electronic portal to provide the make, type, model, and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle, together with any other information the department may require for registration.

(b) Pursuant to §40-12-250, Code of Ala. 1975, registration fees for all permanent license plates provided for in this rule shall be the same as the fees for standard passenger plates as provided for in §§40-12-242 and 40-12-273, Code of Ala. 1975. The department shall also collect an issuance fee at the time of registration for all permanent license plates provided for in this section in the amount as provided for in § 40-12-271, Code of Ala. 1975.

(c) Upon approval of the registration application, and electronic payment of applicable fees, the department shall issue a permanent license plate to be used only on the registered motor vehicle.

(d) As provided under § 40-12-250, Code of Ala. 1975, all fees associated with governmental and volunteer fire department license plates shall be retained by the department to cover administrative costs.

(3) Replacement Plates. (a) In the event a permanent license plate becomes so mutilated as to make it illegible, the governmental entity or volunteer fire department must surrender the permanent license plate, file an application through the department's portal setting forth the fact that the plate has been lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed. Upon proper application and payment of fee provided for in §40-12-265, Code of Ala. 1975, the department shall issue a replacement license plate. Lost or stolen license plates should be reported to law enforcement.

(b) When a governmental entity or volunteer fire department sells, trades, or otherwise disposes of a motor vehicle, the license plate shall be removed from the motor vehicle and surrendered to the department. A new license plate for a replacement motor vehicle may be issued upon proper application and payment of applicable fees through the department's portal.

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