

## WSR 22-01-082

## PERMANENT RULES

## DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

[Filed December 10, 2021, 3:28 p.m., effective January 10, 2022]

Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The amendment updates agency rules to allow rental car companies into the fleet registration process and makes technical changes to update the language to current processes.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 308-96A-161.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 46.01.110.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 21-22-115 on November 3, 2021.

A final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting Ellis Starrett, Department of Licensing, P.O. Box 9030, Olympia, WA 98507-9030, phone 360-902-3846, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: December 10, 2021.

Ellis Starrett  
Rules and Policy Manager

**OTS-3465.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 11-20-066, filed 10/3/11, effective 11/3/11)

**WAC 308-96A-161 Fleet registration.** (1) **What is the purpose of the fleet program?** The purpose of the fleet program is to provide a process for business and individual registered owners to have the same expiration date for all of their vehicles and to receive a single billing notice.

(2) **What types of fleet programs are available?** There are two types of fleet programs, regular and permanent.

(3) **What is the difference between a regular and a permanent fleet?**

(a) Regular fleets consist of five or more vehicles, all currently titled and registered in exact name agreement (letter for letter and space for space). The owner has the option to purchase monthly gross weight license.

(b) Permanent fleets consist of ((fifty)) 50 or more vehicles, all currently titled and registered in exact name agreement (letter

for letter and space for space). The owner must purchase gross weight for the entire year. Gross weight license may **NOT** be purchased month to month, but may be increased throughout the year.

(4) (~~When do fleet vehicles expire? All fleet vehicles will be assigned a December 31 expiration date.~~

~~(5))~~ **Who does a fleet owner contact to join the fleet program?**

Fleet owners who meet the qualifications may contact the department or their local vehicle licensing office to have a fleet account established and a fleet identifier code issued.

((6)) **(5) Are there any vehicles that may not be part of a fleet?** Yes, the following vehicles may not be part of the fleet program:

(a) Snowmobiles;

(b) Trailers with permanent license plates issued under RCW 46.16A.450;

(c) (~~Rental vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.465;~~

~~(d))~~ Any vehicle not required to renew annually; and

((e)) **(d)** Prorate vehicles registered under proportional registration as defined in chapter 46.87 RCW.

((7)) **(6) Will the department remove a fleet from the fleet program?** Yes, the department will remove a fleet from the program at the request of the owner or if the number of registered vehicles in the fleet drops below the required minimum.

((8)) **(7) What happens to a fleet once it is removed from the fleet program?** When a fleet is removed from the program the fleet identifier code will be removed from all of the vehicles in the fleet. The owner will then be required to renew them individually.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110. WSR 11-20-066, § 308-96A-161, filed 10/3/11, effective 11/3/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110 and 46.01.100. WSR 02-11-079, § 308-96A-161, filed 5/14/02, effective 6/14/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110, 46.01.100 and 46.16.060. WSR 99-19-026, § 308-96A-161, filed 9/8/99, effective 10/9/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110. WSR 97-10-003, § 308-96A-161, filed 4/24/97, effective 5/25/97; WSR 92-15-025, § 308-96A-161, filed 7/6/92, effective 8/6/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110 and 46.16.335. WSR 91-15-006, § 308-96A-161, filed 7/8/91, effective 8/8/91.]