

Abandoned Mobile Home Act
[210 ILCS 117/]

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(210 ILCS 117/1) Section 1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Abandoned Mobile Home Act.
(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/5) Section 5. Legislative intent and policy.

The General Assembly finds that abandoned mobile homes are a nuisance because they cause blight and depress property values. Existing laws create unnecessary impediments to their speedy and efficient removal and disposal. This Act is intended to provide local governments with the authority to remove abandoned mobile homes while protecting property rights.
(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/10) Section 10. Definitions.

"Manufactured home" means a factory-assembled, completely integrated structure designed for permanent habitation, with a permanent chassis, and so constructed as to permit its transport, on wheels temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, and is a movable or portable unit that is (i) 8 body feet or more in width, (ii) 40 body feet or more in length, and (iii) 320 or more square feet, constructed to be towed on its own chassis (comprised of frame and wheels) from the place of its construction to the location, or subsequent locations, at which it is installed and set up according to the manufacturer's instructions and connected to utilities for year-round occupancy for use as a permanent habitation, and designed and situated so as to permit its occupancy as a dwelling place for one or more persons. The term shall include units containing parts that may be folded, collapsed, or telescoped when being towed and that may be expected to provide additional cubic capacity, and that are designed to be joined into one integral unit capable of being separated again into the components for repeated towing. The term excludes campers and

recreational vehicles.

"Abandoned mobile home" means a mobile home that has no owner currently residing in the mobile home or authorized tenant of the owner currently residing in the mobile home to the best knowledge of the municipality; has had its electricity, natural gas, sewer, and water payments declared delinquent by the utility companies that are providing such services; and for which the Mobile Home Privilege Tax, imposed under the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act, is delinquent for at least 3 months.

"Municipality" means any city, village, incorporated town, or its duly authorized agent. If an abandoned mobile home is located in an unincorporated area, the county where the mobile home is located shall have all powers granted to a municipality under this Act.

(Source: P.A. 96-1477, eff. 1-1-11.)

(210 ILCS 117/15) Section 15. Authorization.

The corporate authority of a municipality may remove and dispose of any abandoned mobile home found within the municipality and may legally enter upon any land to do so.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/20) Section 20. Exemption from liability.

An entity that removes, sells, or disposes of a mobile home under the authority of this Act shall not be liable for any damages caused by the removal, sale, or disposal.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/25) Section 25. Notice.

- (a) Before removing an abandoned mobile home, the municipality shall send written notice as provided in subsection (c) by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each owner and each lienholder who appears on the records of the Secretary of State, and to each owner of record of the land upon which the mobile home is located. The notice shall also be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last person who paid the mobile home privilege tax on the mobile home as shown on the records of the County Treasurer of the county where the mobile home is located.
- (b) If the owner, lienholder, or other legally entitled person does not sign for the notice sent to him or her by certified mail, then that person shall be notified by publication as provided in subsection (c) in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or a newspaper of general circulation in the county if no newspaper exists in the municipality or the county is responsible for the notice. The notice must be published once a week for 3 consecutive weeks. If the Secretary of State has no record of title for the mobile home, and if after diligent search, the name and address of the owner, lienholder or other legally entitled person cannot be ascertained, then the municipality shall publish the notice as provided in subsection (c) in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality once a

week for 3 consecutive weeks.

(c) The notice required under this Section shall be in substantially the following form:

"TO: _____

Date of Notice: _____

You are notified that the (name municipality) has declared that a certain mobile home (describe mobile home in terms of size, color, make, and model, if known) located at (give address or describe location) is an abandoned mobile home within the meaning of the Abandoned Mobile Home Act. Unless all delinquent mobile home privilege taxes (including penalty and interest) are paid and electric and water service restored to this mobile home within 30 days of the date of this notice, the (name of municipality) shall remove and dispose of the mobile home, and it shall be disposed of or sold at public auction free and clear of any existing liens.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, you should contact the following person.

(Agent for municipality)

(Address)

(Telephone Number)"

If notice was mailed, the effective date of the notice shall be the date it was mailed, if notice was published, the effective date shall be the first date the notice appeared in the newspaper.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/30) Section 30. Disposal or auction.

If the owners or lien holders of the mobile home fail to restore the electric and water service and to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties within the 30 day period following the effective date of the notice, then the municipality shall obtain title to the mobile home and may remove the mobile home and dispose of it unless the municipality determines that it is worthwhile to attempt to sell it at a public auction. If no bids are received, then the mobile home may be disposed of in any manner authorized by this Act. Notice of the time and place of the auction shall be posted where the auction will take place in a conspicuous place at least 10 days before the auction. At least 10 days before the auction, the municipality shall also send notice of the auction by certified mail to each owner and lien holder who was originally notified by certified mail. This notice shall include a description of the mobile home and shall inform the owner or lienholder, or both, that they can reclaim the mobile home if they establish before the auction that they have a right to

possession, submit written proof that electric and water service has been restored to the mobile home, submit written proof that all taxes, including interest and penalties, have been paid, and that the municipality has been reimbursed for all incidental expenses, including the cost of notice described in Section 25.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/35) Section 35. Ultimate responsibility of mobile home owner.

If a municipality disposes of or auctions off a mobile home at a financial loss, the person having record title at the time these proceedings began shall be ultimately responsible for all reasonable losses incurred by a municipality. (Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/40) Section 40. Transportation.

Transportation of an abandoned mobile home over the public streets and highways of this State under this Act shall not require registration plates issued under the Illinois Vehicle Code or a permit certifying payment of the mobile home tax under the Mobile Home Local Services Tax Act for the current year.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/45) Section 45. Transfer of title.

If a municipality chooses, it may transfer title and all responsibilities for an abandoned mobile home to its agent for the sole purpose of removal by sale or disposal. If this option is utilized, any expenses incurred or profits realized from the legal sale or disposal shall be with the agent.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/50) Section 50. Proceeds.

When a mobile home is disposed of under this Act, the proceeds of the public sale or disposition, after deduction of all towing, storage, processing charges, and payment in priority order to lienholders, including providers of any utility services, shall be deposited into the municipality's treasury.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/55) Section 55. Salvage and junking certificates.

When an applicant for a salvage or junking certificate presents the Secretary of State with proof that the applicant has purchased or acquired a mobile home at a public sale authorized by this Act, and the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the public sale of a vehicle certifies this fact, the Secretary of State shall issue the salvage or junking certificate upon receipt of the properly executed application. The salvage or junking certificate issued by the Secretary of State under Section 3-117.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code shall be free of any lien that existed against the vehicle before the applicant acquired the vehicle.

(Source: P.A. 88-516.)

(210 ILCS 117/90) Section 90. (Amendatory provisions; text omitted).
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(210 ILCS 117/95) Section 95. (Amendatory provisions; text omitted).
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