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## CERTIFICATION FOR ANTIQUE REGISTRATION

**NOTE TO APPLICANT: READ CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY**

**ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLE LAW  
 Tenn. Code Ann. Section 55-4-111**

An "antique motor vehicle" is a motor vehicle **over twenty-five (25) years old** with a **non-modified engine and body** which is used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar uses as a collector's item, and can only be used for general transportation on Saturdays and Sundays.

Such registration shall be valid so long as title to such vehicle is vested in the applicant. Renewal of registration is not required.

●●● VIOLATION PENALTY ●●●

Any person violating the provisions of this section or operating an antique motor vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday, shall forfeit the antique motor vehicle registration, shall be liable for the regular registration fee for that vehicle and shall be barred from applying for or holding antique motor vehicle registration for five (5) years from the date of such violation.

**NAME OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **MAKE** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR MODEL** \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete VIN/Serial Number** \_\_\_\_\_

For use when registering with a **Vintage Tennessee License Plate**  
 (Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-111, still applies)

**Vintage Plate Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** From 1912-1965, Tennessee issued new metal plates each year, which means for **every** model year a vehicle was manufactured within that time frame, a specific official Tennessee license plate was issued in that year.

From 1966 to 1982, official Tennessee license plates were issued only in 1966, 1971, and 1977. Depending upon the model year of the vehicle, an applicant would be eligible to register their antique motor vehicle using a plate from its appropriate plate period. For instance, a 1974 Plymouth Duster would use a 1971 Tennessee license plate.

If you are unsure, please ask your County Clerk to verify that your vintage plate can be used to register your antique motor vehicle.

I certify that I am the owner of the above described vehicle, which is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and will be used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar uses, but in no event for general transportation, unless otherwise authorized by Tenn. Code Ann., Section 55-4-111 (above). I further certify that upon the transfer of my interest in the vehicle, if the license plate with which my antique vehicle is registered is a vintage official Tennessee plate, and therefore my personal property, it will be removed; otherwise the antique plate issued by the State of Tennessee will be surrendered to my county clerk.

**CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLE LAW

**Antique Motor Vehicles.** Per Tennessee Code Ann. § 55-4-111, a person may register a vehicle as an “antique motor vehicle” providing that certain requirements are satisfied. The vehicle:

- Must be a motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) years old,
- Must have a non-modified engine and body,
- Can be used for participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar uses as a collector’s item, and
- Can only be used for **general transportation** on Saturday and Sunday.

**No renewal required.** This registration is a **permanent registration** and is not required to be renewed annually.

**Violations.** Any person violating the provisions of Tennessee Code Ann. 55-4-111 will be restricted from participating in Tennessee’s Antique Motor Vehicle plate program for five (5) years from the date of the violation, will be asked to surrender the license plate and will be required to pay the full vehicle registration price for operating the vehicle. An example of a violation would be operating the vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday.

**Display of the antique motor vehicle plate.** This antique plate can be mounted on the rear of the vehicle OR the owner may display, on the rear of the vehicle, a license plate from an era when the manufacture of such vehicle occurred, as long as the antique vehicle license plate is maintained in the vehicle and is readily assessable and produced upon request of any law enforcement officer.

**Vintage License Plates.** Instead of registering a vehicle with the standard “antique motor vehicle plate”, a person may chose to register an antique motor vehicle with an official Vintage Tennessee license plate of an era when the manufacture of such vehicle occurred, and may display that license plate on the rear of the vehicle.

- From 1912 to 1966, Tennessee produced a new metal plate each year. Since plates were available for each of those years, the model year must be the same as the plate metal year, i.e., a 1957 Chevrolet would require a 1957 Tennessee license plate to be registered under the Vintage license plate provisions of this law. After 1966, the State of Tennessee began producing new metal plates, every five to seven years.
- An antique vehicle with a model year of 1966 up to 25 years old, could be registered with a Tennessee plate accordingly, i.e., a 1970 VW Beetle could be registered with a 1966 issue year plate, because there was no new official Tennessee license plate design produced until 1971. All other provisions of this chapter must be adhered to or the owner will be subject to the same possibility of forfeiture of their antique license plate privileges.

**Cost of Registration.** Class (C) Antique Vehicles - registration fee is \$27.75, plus any applicable county fees.