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The below list of questions have been prepared in an attempt to assist the Clerks of the Court in determining whether to issue either a Maryland State Junk Dealer/Scrap Metal Processor license or an Agent license.

JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE

1. In Maryland do you buy, sell or barter for junk or scrap metal (see attached listing)? – If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
2. In Maryland, do you operate a room or other place of business where you buy, sell or barter junk or scrap metal? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
3. In Maryland, do you operate a room or other place of business where you buy, sell or barter junk or scrap metal for later sales at an auction? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
4. In Maryland, do you buy, sell or barter for historic markers, plaques, or tablets commemorating an historic event, person, structure or object? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
NOTE: Special Registration requirement § 17-1012.
5. Are you an antique dealer who buys sells or barter for historic markers, plaques, or tablets commemorating an historic event, person, structure or object? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
NOTE: Special Registration requirement § 17-1012.
6. Are you a licensed automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap metal processor who acquires whole vehicles under Maryland Vehicle Law Annotated Code Title 15-502 and who acquires vehicle parts that qualify as junk or scrap metal such as: bumpers, rims, vehicle doors, hoods, engines, etc..? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required which allows licensee(s) to purchase car parts, as well as other items listed.
7. Are you a nonresident junk dealer or nonresident scrap metal processor who BUYS, SELLS, BARTERS or TRASPORTS junk or scrap metal BOUGHT from any other source or person not LICENSED as a Maryland junk dealer or scrap metal processor? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is required.
8. Are you a nonresident junk dealer or nonresident scrap metal processor who ONLY buys junk or scrap metal from a LICENSED Maryland junk dealer or scrap metal processor? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is NOT required.
9. Are you a nonresident junk dealer or nonresident scrap metal processor who ONLY transports junk or scrap metal BOUGHT from a LICENSED Maryland junk dealer or scrap metal processor? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is NOT required.

10. Do you do business or are you employed by a business other than the junk or scrap metal business such as roofer, plumber, electrical contractor, building contractor, automotive repair wherein you transport junk or scrap metal accumulated or used in the operation of that business for disposal or sale to a junk dealer or scrap metal processor? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is NOT required.
11. Do you ONLY buy or sell beverage or food cans? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE is NOT required.

JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS AGENT STATE LICENSE

1. Are you an employee of a Licensed Maryland Junk Dealer or Scrap Metal Processor from who you receive a salary? If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS AGENT STATE LICENSE is NOT required.
2. In Maryland do you buy, sell or barter for junk or scrap metal items under the direction, request, or on behalf of a Junk Dealer or Scrap Metal Processor from who you do not draw a salary but are paid based upon the item(s)? – If yes, JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS AGENT STATE LICENSE is required.

JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS LICENSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Under Business Regulation § 17-1011, all JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE must report transactions electronically, in a format acceptable to the receiving primary law enforcement unit.
2. Upon obtaining a JUNK DEALERS AND SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS STATE LICENSE, licensee(s) must email msp.rapid-helpdesk@maryland.gov with the following: Contact Name, Business Name, Business Address, Phone Number, and County where the license was obtained.

CONSIDERED JUNK OR SCRAP METAL

Nonferrous articles made wholly or substantially of:

1. aluminum;
2. babbitt metal;
3. brass;
4. bronze;
5. light copper;
6. heavy copper;
7. lead;
8. low carbon chrome;
9. low carbon manganese;
10. molybdenum;
11. monel metal;
12. pewter;
13. nickel;
14. stainless steel;
15. tin;
16. vanadium;
17. zinc;
18. platinum;
19. gold;
20. rhodium; or
21. other nonferrous metals

The following used articles, made of either ferrous or nonferrous metal:

1. catalytic converters;
2. metal bleachers;
3. hard-drawn copper;
4. metal beer kegs;
5. cemetery urns;
6. grave markers;
7. propane tanks; and
8. any other used articles owned by a public utility including:
 - A. guardrails;
 - B. manhole covers;
 - C. metal light poles;
 - D. tree grates;
 - E. water meters; and
 - F. street signs.