

Chapter 487

Pleasure Boat Registration and Licensing

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487.010 Registration of boats 16 feet or longer. Each owner of a pleasure boat 16 feet or more in length which is kept in this state or any of its waters, including any waters over which this state has joint or concurrent jurisdiction, shall register such boat with the county clerk of the county within which it is kept, and secure from the county clerk an annual license for the boat.

487.020 Application for license. The owner shall, on or before January 1 of each year, file with the county clerk of the county in which the boat is kept, an application for a license therefor. The application shall be substantially in the following form:

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF _____
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
FOR PLEASURE BOAT

To the county clerk of _____ County.

The undersigned herewith applies for a license for a pleasure boat pursuant to ORS chapter 487, and represents as follows:

Name of owner (s) _____

Address of owner (s) _____

Name of boat _____

Number, if any, assigned to boat by United States Government _____

Description of boat _____

Length of boat _____ Width of boat _____

Type of power, if any _____

Make of motor _____ Motor number _____

Annual license fee \$ _____ For year _____

Signature of Owner (s) _____

Date of application _____

487.030 Fees, payment and disposition of. (1) With the filing of each application, there shall be paid to the county treasurer, and his receipt therefor presented with the application, an annual license fee, as follows:

(a) Boats 16 feet or longer, but not exceeding 20 feet in length, \$5

(b) Boats exceeding 20 feet in length, \$5 plus \$1 for each foot, or fraction thereof, in length over 20 feet.

(2) All money collected for licenses and transfers of licenses under this chapter shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the boats are licensed, and shall become a part of the general fund of the county.

487.040 Issuance of license. Upon the filing of a proper application, together with the county treasurer's receipt evidencing payment of the license fee, the county clerk

shall issue to the owner a license for the calendar year.

487.050 Transfer of title. In the event of transfer of title to any boat licensed under this chapter, during any annual period, evidence of the transfer shall be presented to the county clerk who issued the license, and upon payment of \$1 the license shall be transferred for the remainder of the annual period to the purchaser of the boat. All transfers of title to licensed boats shall be by bill of sale, duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds.

487.060 Record of licenses; form of license. The county clerk of each county in which is kept any boat subject to license under this chapter shall procure and keep an indexed book in which shall be entered the name of the owner of each licensed boat, together with the length, breadth, type of motive power, if any, and the number or name, if any, assigned to the boat under the laws of the United States. There shall be carried in the index of each such record book the name of the owner of each licensed boat. The licenses issued by each county shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with number one for each year, and shall be substantially in the following form:

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF _____
ANNUAL LICENSE FOR
PLEASURE BOAT

This is to certify that the annual license fee of \$ _____ for the year _____ has been paid by _____ owner (s) of the following described pleasure boat:

Name _____ United States num-

Length _____ ber _____

Type of boat _____ Width _____

Make of motor _____ Type of power _____

Motor number _____

_____ County Clerk

By _____ Deputy

487.070 Carrying license on boat. The owner of any boat licensed under this chapter shall have the license on board the boat at all times while it is being navigated, and shall display the license to any person upon request

487.080 Foreclosing on boat to collect fees. (1) The license fee due on each boat required to be licensed under this chapter constitutes a debt from the owner thereof to the county in which the boat is kept, and a

lien against every boat until paid. The lien has a priority over all other liens, claims and demands. The county clerk shall, upon the written demand of any official or citizen of any county, issue a distraint order against any boat kept in such county upon which the license fee is unpaid, and deliver the order to the sheriff, who shall seize the boat described in the distraint order and advertise it for sale for the time and with the notice required for the sale of personal property upon execution.

(2) In the notice of sale, the time and place of sale shall be designated, at which time the sheriff shall sell the boat at public auction to the highest bidder. After deducting the amount of the unpaid license fee, together with the expenses of seizing and keeping the boat and the fees allowed by law for the sale of personal property upon execution issued out of the circuit court, the remainder shall be paid to the owner of the boat upon presentation of due proof of his title thereto.

(3) All money collected by the sheriff as fees shall be disposed of according to the laws of this state governing fees of the sheriff in executing an execution issued out of the circuit court for such county.

487.090 License fees are in lieu of other taxes and licenses. The license fees imposed by this chapter upon pleasure boats and upon the owners thereof by reason of such ownership, are in lieu of all other taxes and licenses to which such boats, or the owners thereof by reason of such ownership, may be subject.

487.990 Penalties. Any person who operates any pleasure boat subject to any license fee provided for by this chapter while the payment of such license fee is in default, or who otherwise violates this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Circuit courts, district courts and justices of the peace have concurrent jurisdiction of offenses punishable hereunder.