

**VEHICLE SALE PROCESS AND TIME FRAME
(MINN. STAT. §§ 514.20 AND 514.21)**

When an owner voluntarily leaves a vehicle for repair or storage, a repair shop may retain the vehicle in their possession until the bill is paid. **Ninety days after the bill becomes due, the repair shop may sell the vehicle under the following conditions:**

Requirements for Mechanic's Lien Sale:

- **Affidavit of Service:** If the vehicle owner is living in the county where the vehicle is stored and to be sold, they must be personally served with the "Notice of Sale". An Affidavit of Service is required in order to proceed with the sale.
- **Affidavit of Mailing:** If the owner is not in the county where the vehicle is being sold, notice must be mailed out to the owner's last known address.

Examples of an Affidavit of Mailing are:

- A. A signed certified letter receipt.
- B. A returned envelope from the post office.
- C. A statement from the person that mailed the notice.
- D. An Affidavit from the possessor that the owner's address cannot be obtained.

The Notice of Sale must be served or mailed to the owner at least three weeks before the sale.

- **Copy of the Notice of the Sale:** A Notice of Sale is provided in the form of a letter that is personally served on the owner or mailed to the owner's last known address. It must consist of the following:
 1. The date, time and place of the sale.
 2. The amount which will be due at the time of the sale.
 3. The reason for the lien.
 4. A general description of the vehicle to be sold, including the vehicle identification number (VIN).
- **Affidavit of Publication:** The Notice of Sale must be published for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper printed and published in the county in which the vehicle is to be sold. The last publication must be at least one week prior to the date of the sale. The Affidavit of Publication must consist of the following: An affidavit from the publisher (newspaper) that the notice was printed for three successive weeks.

- **Report of Sale:** The Report of Sale is provided by the Sheriff's Department to the successful bidder following the sale. It contains the following:

- A. Who the vehicle was sold to.
- B. Description of the vehicle.

This document also serves as the Bill of Sale.