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MV-18J (Rev. 5/2019)

Application for Voluntary Registration Cancellation

Please type, electronically complete & print, or Print legibly by hand.

Full Legal Name: Alvin R. Pettigrew				
Address: 1240 Hazel St		City: Macon	State: GA	Zip Code: 31201
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 5FN9YF4H54FB024871	License Plate Number: RQT4189	Year: 2015	Make: Honda	Model: Pilot

I am voluntarily cancelling the registration for one of the following reasons:

Check applicable box below and enter applicable date:

- ☐ Vehicle is registered in another state since _____ (Date)
- ☒ Vehicle was sold, or traded to a dealer on 08/14/2026 (Date)
- ☐ Vehicle was repossessed, stolen, wrecked, salvaged by insurance company or junked on: _____ (Date)
- ☐ Vehicle is not being operated because the vehicle is inoperable or stored and used seasonally for agricultural or other purposes. **Please note:** For inoperable or stored vehicles, proof should be submitted along with this form.

Vehicle cannot be operated on any highway or public road until owner has obtained mandatory liability insurance and the vehicle registration has been reinstated with county tag office.

Military Personnel ONLY:

☐ Vehicle was stored during my absence from the State of Georgia pursuant to military orders, vehicle did not have the minimum required liability insurance coverage and vehicle was not driven on the public roads. I further understand that the registration will remain cancelled until owner has obtained mandatory liability insurance and the vehicle registration has been restored with county tag office. I am enclosing a copy of my official military orders.

I (whether one or more) affirm that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pursuant to Georgia Code Section 40-2-3, "Any person who shall make any false statement in any application for the registration of any vehicle, or in transferring any certificate of registration, or in applying for a new certificate of registration, shall be guilty of false swearing, whether or not an oath is actually administered to him, if such statement shall purport to be under oath. On conviction of such offense, such person shall be punished as provided by Code Section 16-10-71."

Save time and submit immediately online:

CANCEL REGISTRATION:



<https://eservices.drives.ga.gov/?link=CancelReg>

INSURANCE FINE PAYMENT:



<https://eservices.drives.ga.gov/?link=PayIns>

How to fill out MV-18J — Application for Voluntary Registration Cancellation

Georgia · written against MV-18J (Rev 5/2019), issued under Georgia Code Section 40-2-3, as the form itself quotes it

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The single most important thing a Georgia seller does after handing over the keys. Georgia publishes no release of liability and no notice of transfer; cancelling the registration is what takes the vehicle off your record, and until it happens the insurance database still expects a live policy on a car you no longer own.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank MV-18J from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division at <https://dor.georgia.gov/document/form/mv-18j-voluntary-vehicle-registration-cancellation/download?f=MV-18J.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Full legal name	Your name as the registration has it, across the top of the form. Watch out: As the registration has it, not as you usually write it. This form is matched against a vehicle record, and the record carries the name from the last title application.
2	YOU	Address, city, state and ZIP	Your current address. Watch out: Where you live now, because the in-person route is the county tag office in the county where you live and that is decided by this line.
3	YOU	Vehicle identification number	The seventeen-character VIN of the car you have sold. Watch out: Take it off the title rather than the door jamb. The record being cancelled is the one this number points at.
4	YOU	Licence plate number	The Georgia tag number, beside the VIN. Watch out: The plate is still yours after the sale, and this is the number the Department's online cancellation asks for first. Have it to hand before you start either route.
5	YOU	The reason box	Tick vehicle was sold, or traded to a dealer on. Three other reasons sit below it for a car that left your ownership another way. Watch out: A private sale and a dealer trade share the same box. The repossessed, stolen, wrecked, salvaged or junked box is a different filing with different consequences - do not use it for an ordinary sale.
6	YOU	The date beside the box	The date the car changed hands. Watch out: This is the date the record is marked with, so it is also the date from which an insurance lapse would be measured. Do not backdate it and do not leave it until you find the paperwork.

What gets this one rejected

- Cancelling the insurance first. The Department's instruction is to cancel the registration before cancelling insurance coverage, and reversing the order is what produces the lapse letter.
- Ticking a reason and leaving its date blank. Each box has its own date field and the date is what the record is marked with.
- Sending it to the wrong counter. In person it goes to the county tag office in the county where you live, not where the buyer lives.
- Assuming it cancels the title as well. It cancels the registration; ownership moves when the buyer's application is processed.
- Filling it in for a car you still drive. The form states the vehicle cannot be operated on any highway or public road until liability insurance is obtained and the registration is reinstated.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The filled-in example is at the start of this sheet.

Read off MV-18J (Rev 5/2019) and the Georgia Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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