

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Erie COUNTY, OHIO 1

CLERK OF COURTS
SURVIVING SPOUSE AFFIDAVIT

Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Sections 2106.18 and 4505.10

DATE 04/02/2026

In the matter of the Estate of

2 Wendell A. Brossart
Decedent

STATE OF OHIO) SS
COUNTY OF Erie)

I, having been duly cautioned and sworn, hereby state that: 1) I am the surviving spouse of

Wendell A. Brossart (the "Decedent"), who died on the 9th day of March, 20 26; 2) the Decedent owned the automobile that is

accurately described below; 3) if more than one of the Decedent's automobiles are being transferred to me as the surviving spouse, the combined, approximate value of the automobiles does not exceed \$65,000.00; 4) the automobile described below is not being transferred pursuant to R.C. sections 2131.12 or 2131.13 or otherwise disposed of by will; and 5) I am entitled to said automobile pursuant to R.C. section 2106.18.

Vehicle

Is this a Replica Motor Vehicle? If yes, provide:

4 VIN: 1G1ZD5ST4LF051883 ☐ Yes ☒ No
Make: Chevrolet Make:
Model Description: Malibu LT Model Description:
Year: 2020 Year:
Ohio Title Number: 2202400693118
5 Approximate Value \$ 14,900

6 Surviving Spouse Signature: Loretta J. Brossart

Notary:

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 2 day of April, 20 26 in Erie County,

State of Ohio
(Notary Seal)

7 X Harriet M. Vandewalle My commission expires 11/08/2028
Signature of Notary Public or other Authorized Officer by law

NOTE: A motor vehicle dealer licensed in accordance with 4517 of the R.C., who is the owner or purchaser of the motor vehicle, is not required to have this document notarized under R.C. section 4505.063.

How to fill out BMV 3773 — Clerk of Courts Surviving Spouse Affidavit

Ohio · written against BMV 3773 (12/25), issued under Ohio Revised Code 2106.18 and 4505.10

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The route out of an estate that avoids probate altogether. On the death of a married Ohio resident who owned at least one automobile, the surviving spouse may take an unlimited number of vehicles up to a combined value, plus one boat and one outboard motor, on this affidavit alone. It is headed for the Court of Common Pleas and it is sworn - five numbered statements, each of which the affiant is certifying under oath.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank BMV 3773 from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at <https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/publicsafety.ohio.gov/bmv3773.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	The court heading	The county whose Court of Common Pleas the clerk of courts belongs to, and the date of the affidavit. Watch out: This is a court document as well as a title document, which is why the county at the top matters. Use the county where the title office you are going to sits.
2	YOU	In the matter of the Estate of	The decedent's full name, on the line above the word Decedent. Watch out: The name as the death certificate spells it, and as the title spells it. Where the two differ, the clerk will want to see why before the affidavit is accepted.
3	YOU	Who died, and when	The decedent's name again inside statement one, then the day, month and year of death. Watch out: The date has to match the certified death certificate you are bringing with it - this is the one figure on the form that is checked against another document at the counter.
4	YOU	The vehicle	VIN, make, model description, year and Ohio title number, written beside the printed labels. Watch out: There are no rules drawn under these five labels, and the space to the right of them is narrower than it looks. Print small and start immediately after the colon.
5	YOU	Approximate value	What the vehicle is worth, on the line after the dollar sign. Watch out: Statement three is a certification about the combined value of everything being transferred this way. If there is a second car, the two figures together are what has to stay under the ceiling.
6	YOU	The surviving spouse signature	One line, signed in front of the officer taking the acknowledgement. Watch out: Having been duly cautioned and sworn - the opening words of the affidavit. It is an oath, not a form.
7	YOU	The notary block	Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, then the county the oath was taken in, the state, the seal, the officer's signature and their commission expiry. Watch out: Take the certified death certificate, the original title, an application on BMV 3774 and photo identification in the same trip. All four are on the BMV's list for this transfer.

What gets this one rejected

- A vehicle that is already going somewhere else. Statement four rules out anything passing under joint ownership with right of survivorship, to a transfer-on-death beneficiary, or specifically disposed of by will.
- A combined value over the ceiling printed in statement three. The affidavit is a small-estate route and the figure on the form is the limit of it.
- An approximate value left blank. The whole eligibility test is a value test, and the block is where the affiant states it.
- Someone other than the spouse swearing it. The form is titled surviving spouse affidavit and statement one is a certification of that relationship.
- Filing it without a certified copy of the death certificate. The BMV's list for this transfer asks for the original Ohio title, the certified death certificate, an application for title on BMV 3774 and this affidavit listing the vehicle's make, model, year, body type, vehicle identification number and value.

☐ 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 BMV 3773 (12/25) and the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles'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. sellmycarhub.com