

In the Court of Common Pleas, Ottawa County, Ohio

In Re: Petition for Watercraft or Outboard :  
Motor Certificate of Title In the Name of: :

\_\_\_\_\_ : Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner's Full Name)

Petitioner : \_\_\_\_\_, Judge

**Affidavit in Support of Petition for Court Order Directing the Clerk of this Court to Issue a Certificate of Title to a Watercraft and/or Outboard Motor (Section 1548.11 O.R.C)**

State of Ohio )  
) ss:  
County of Ottawa )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having been first duly cautioned and sworn, state  
(Petitioner's full Name)  
the following to be true to the best of my personal knowledge and belief

1. I am petitioning this Court to order the Ottawa County Clerk of Courts Auto Title Division to issue in my name a certificate of title for the watercraft and/or outboard motor fully described in my petition and now in my possession and under my control.
2. I applied to the Ottawa County Clerk of Court Auto Title Division for a Certificate of title, but issuance was refused because I was unable to produce the documentation required by Section 1548.11 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C. 1548.11) for the Clerk to issue the certificate, to wit: a.) prior certificate of title; b.) manufacturer's or importer's certificate; or c.) a copy of the journal entry, court order or other instrument upon which my claim of possession and ownership is founded.
3. I am not the owner of a private dock or mooring facility who can order the subject watercraft or outboard motor into storage, but who does not have the right to obtain title to the watercraft or outboard motor under the provisions of R.C. 1547.30(B)(2).

4. I am not a pawnbroker required to follow the procedures set forth in R.C. 4505.102.
  
5. I am not a person adversely effected by the abandonment of a watercraft or outboard motor, whether or not it falls within the statutory definition of an "abandoned junk vessel or outboard motor," who is required to complain to law enforcement in order to have the watercraft or outboard motor towed into storage or otherwise disposed of under the provisions of R.C. 1547.30(B) or R.C. 1547.303.
  
6. I am not a property owner able to sell the watercraft or motor vehicle without first obtaining a certificate of title by complying with the procedures set forth in R.C. 4585.31.
  
7. The circumstances by which I came into possession of the described watercraft and/or outboard motor were as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

(State how you obtained the watercraft and/or outboard motor. If purchased,

\_\_\_\_\_ give the date of the transaction, who sold you the watercraft and/or outboard motor and how much you paid for the same.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach a copy of your receipt, cancelled check, bill of sale or other documentation of the transaction. If the seller failed or

\_\_\_\_\_ refused to give you the prior certificate of title or if the watercraft and/or outboard motor was otherwise abandoned by the

\_\_\_\_\_ previous owner to your possession, state what steps you have taken to obtain the prior certificate of title from the owner.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attach copies of correspondence to the prior owner along with certified mail receipts to show that you have tried to contact

\_\_\_\_\_ the previous owner to ask for the title or other required documentation. Attach any other documentation you believe

\_\_\_\_\_ supports your request to be declared true and lawful owner of the subject watercraft and/or outboard motor. Use an

\_\_\_\_\_ additional sheet, if necessary.)

8. After the Clerk of Court Auto Title Division found my evidence of title insufficient and refused to issue a certificate of title in my name to the described watercraft and/or outboard motor; I applied, as provided in Section 1548.11(A) of the Ohio

Revised Code, directly to the Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft for the Chief to authorize the Clerk to issue a certificate of title.

9. The Chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft did not find the evidence I presented to be sufficient for that purpose as indicated in the refusal letter issued by the Chief and attached hereto as documentation that I am entitled to file my petition in accordance with the provision of Section 1548.11(A) of the Ohio Revised Code.
  
10. I have asked the Ottawa County Clerk of Courts Auto Title Division to complete a record search of the watercraft and/or motor identification numbers set forth in my Petition, and have attached a copy of the results of the search to this Affidavit as an exhibit. I am unaware of any lien on the watercraft and/or outboard motor for which I am seeking a certificate of title other than as listed in the attached report from the Ottawa County Clerk of Courts.
  
11. I have asked the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to complete a record search of the watercraft and/or motor identification numbers noted in my Petition to determine if the watercraft and/or outboard motor for which I am seeking a certificate of title has been reported stolen, and have attached a copy of the results of the search to this Affidavit as an exhibit. I do not know, nor do I have reason to believe, that the watercraft or outboard motor for which I am seeking a certificate of title has been stolen [Section 1548.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code].

12. In furnishing this Affidavit, I acknowledge my understanding that, under the terms of Section 2921.13(A)(1) and (A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, to knowingly make a false statement in any official proceeding and to swear to or affirm the truth of a false statement before a notary public or other person empowered to administer oaths may constitute the criminal offense known as falsification, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Further, Affiant saith naught.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of petitioner/Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public