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MV 40-12-252  
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# Notice of Surrender of Permanent Trailer License Plates

**FOR USE BY COUNTY LICENSE PLATE ISSUING OFFICIALS ONLY**

LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	DATE PLATE SURRENDERED	OFFICE USE ONLY
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The permanent trailer license plates listed above were surrendered to the county license plate issuing official in the county of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Surrendered permanent trailer license plates and a copy of this form must be retained by the county license plate issuing official for audit purposes.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Section 40-12-252(c)(1), *Code of Alabama 1975*, states in part that “the owner of any truck trailer, tractor trailer, or semitrailer, except for manufactured homes, who has complied with Section 32-8-32, (*Code of Alabama 1975*), in lieu of paying the annual registration fee...may purchase a permanent license plate which shall not be subject to annual renewal...The permanent license plate shall be displayed on the trailer for which it is issued, shall be valid for the life of the trailer only as long as the truck trailer, tractor trailer, or semitrailer is titled in this state to the owner who registered the trailer or trailers under this subsection, and may not be transferred to another trailer or to another owner. **In the event of the transfer of ownership of the trailer, the owner shall surrender the permanent license plate to his or her county license plate issuing official and no credit or refund of registration fees shall be allowed upon surrender** (emphasis added).”

Section 40-12-252(c)(2), *Code of Alabama 1975*, states that “It shall be unlawful for anyone to display or operate a trailer displaying a permanent trailer plate on a vehicle other than the trailer originally registered with the trailer plate or to display or operate a trailer with a permanent trailer license plate issued to the previous vehicle owner. Anyone convicted of violating this subdivision shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.”

## INSTRUCTIONS

This form shall be completed by the county license plate issuing official whenever a permanent trailer license plate has been surrendered pursuant to the above referenced statute.

The form shall then be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Department, and a copy should be retained by the county license plate issuing official for audit purposes.