- (2) If the identity of the last registered owner cannot be determined, or if the registration contains no address for the owner, or if it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and addresses of all lien holders, notice by one publication in one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the motor vehicle was abandoned shall be sufficient to meet all requirements of notice pursuant to this section. The notice by publication can MAY contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles. Any such notice shall be within the time requirements prescribed for notice by registered mail and shall have the same contents required for a notice by registered mail.
- (3) The consequences and effect of failure to reclaim an abandoned motor vehicle shall be as set forth in a valid notice given pursuant to this subsection.
- If an abandoned motor vehicle has not been reclaimed as provided for in subsection (c), the police department shall sell it at public auction. The purchaser of the motor vehicle shall take title to the motor vehicle free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership, shall receive a sales receipt from the police department, and shall be entitled to register the purchased vehicle and receive a certificate of title. The sales receipt at such a sale shall be sufficient title only for purposes of transferring the vehicle to a scrap processor for demolition, wrecking, or dismantling, and in such case, no further titling of the vehicle is necessary. From the proceeds of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle the police department shall reimburse itself for the expenses of the auction, the costs of towing, preserving, and storing the vehicle which resulted from placing the abandoned motor vehicle in custody, and all notice and publication costs incurred pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any remainder from the proceeds of a sale shall be held for the owner of the vehicle or entitled lien holder for ninety days, and then shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in a special fund which shall remain available for the payment of auction, towing, preservation, storage, and all notice and publication costs which result from placing other abandoned vehicles in custody, whenver WHENEVER the proceeds from a sale of such other abandoned motor vehicles are insufficient to meet these expenses and costs. Whenever the State Treasurer finds that monies in the special funds are in excess of reserves likely to be needed for the purposes thereof, he may transfer the excess to the general fund, but in such event claims against the special fund, if the special fund is temporarily exhausted, shall be met from the general fund to the limit of any transfers previously made thereto pursuant to this subsection.
- (e) Any motor vehicle left for more than ten days in a garage operated for commercial purposes after notice by registered mail, return receipt requested from the addressee, to the owner to pick up the vehicle, or for more than ten days after the period when, pursuant to contract, the vehicle was to remain on the premises, and any motor vehicle left for more than ten days in the garage by someone other than the registered owner or left by a person authorized to have possession of the motor vehicle under a contract of use, service, storage, or repair, shall be deemed an abandoned vehicle and reported by the garagekeeper to the police department. Any garagekeeper who fails to report the possession of the vehicle within ten days after it becomes abandoned within the meaning of