

# Local Government Approaches to Derelict Vessel Removal



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Notice made to local law enforcement (e.g., local police department, Brevard County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission).

Is the vessel an interference or hazard to public safety?  
[See § 327.70(1)]

Yes

No

Is the vessel a derelict vessel? Is the vessel left stored, or abandoned:  
(a) In a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition upon any public waters of this state.  
(b) At any port in this state without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction thereof. OR  
(c) Docked or grounded at or beached upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.

[See § 823.11(1)]

Yes

No

Local government may not remove vessel.

Is the vessel substantially operable and in a functioning condition, or does it have apparent intrinsic value? § 705.102

Yes

No

The vessel is a lost vessel.  
[See § 705.101(2)]

The vessel is an abandoned vessel.  
[See § 705.101(3)]

Post notice on vessel.

Is vessel easily removable?

Yes

No

Remove the vessel & attempt to notify owner.  
[See § 705.103(1)]

Post notice on vessel and Notify owner and lienholder per requirement of § 705.103 (2)

