

TITLE V – POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

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143.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Junk” means old scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste or junked, dismantled, or wrecked automobiles, or parts of automobiles, or iron, steel, or other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.
2. “Junk Vehicle” means any vehicle located within the corporate limits of the City and which has any one or more of the following characteristics:
 - A. Broken Glass. Any vehicle with a broken or cracked windshield, window, headlight, or tail light, or any other cracked or broken glass.
 - B. Broken, Missing, or Loose Part. Any vehicle with a broken or loose fender, door window handle, running board, steering wheel, trunk top, trunk handle, radio aerial, tail pipe or decorative piece.
 - C. Habitat for Nuisance Animals or Insects. Any vehicle which has become the habitat for rats, mice, or snakes, or any other animals, vermin, or insects.
 - D. Inoperable. Any motor vehicle if it lacks an engine, or two or more wheels, or other structural parts which render said motor vehicle totally inoperable.
 - E. Defective or Obsolete Condition. Any other vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.
 - F. Unlicensed or Expired License. Any vehicle without a current license/registration.

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3. “Vehicle” means every device in, upon, or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and includes without limitation a motor vehicle, automobile, truck, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, wagon, farm machinery, or any combination thereof.

143.02 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any property in the person’s control, any junk or junk vehicle.

143.03 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES A NUISANCE. It is hereby declared that storage within the corporate limits of any junk or junk vehicles upon private property owned or controlled by the owner of the junk or junk

vehicle, unless excepted by Section 143.04, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens and is a nuisance within the meaning of Section 657.1 of the Code of Iowa. If any junk or junk vehicle is stored upon private property in violation hereof, the owner or person in control of the property upon which it is stored shall be prima facie liable for the said violation.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])

143.04 EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any junk or junk vehicle stored within:

1. Structure. A garage or other enclosed structure; or
2. Salvage Yard. An auto salvage yard or junk yard lawfully operated within the City.

143.05 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE. The storage of any junk or junk vehicle stored upon private property in violation of Section 143.03 is declared to be a violation of the City Code and may be abated pursuant to the procedures set forth in Sections 56.01 through 56.09. In lieu of or in addition to the foregoing, the City may prosecute the violation as simple misdemeanor or as a municipal infraction.

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