

SUMMARY NEW ORDINANCE ABANDONED AND JUNK VEHICLES AND OTHER JUNK

Abandoned vehicles

Abandoned motor vehicle: any unattended motor vehicle on public property or on private property without the consent of the owner for more than twenty-four hours.

Motor vehicles include road vehicles and off road vehicles such as self-propelled construction, yard and farming equipment.

10 day notice: placed on the vehicle in a prominent location. The notice shall state that it will be seized and sold the vehicle if not moved in ten days. The notice shall state the date the notice was placed on the vehicle; the date the ten days' notice will expire; the person to contact for more information.

Seizure/towing: after 10 days the vehicle may be towed; fifty dollar fee plus costs of towing.

Storage/sale:

1. tow and store at licensed facility. Store and disposal under the Louisiana Towing and Storage Act LSA RS 32:1711

Storage company shall send notice to owner and lienholder. Owner/lienholder may request an administrative hearing with the city.

After 45 days- send certified notice to owner.

After notice expires storage company can apply for permit to sell (Office of Public Safety and Corrections).

2. city takes possession.

10 day notice to owner if it is a registered vehicle of the seizure.

After 3 months, considered abandoned, second notice to owner of sale.

Sold to the highest bidder after appraisal and publication (3 times in a 10 day period). Sale through govdeals.com or any other method allowed by law.

Owner has one year to redeem any equity.

NOTE: Louisiana Towing and Storage Act has alternate procedures for junk vehicles.

Junked Vehicles

"Junk, wrecked or used motor vehicles": any motor vehicle:

- (a) from which the engine, wheels, or other parts have been removed, or
- (b) vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power, or
- (c) no or expired license plates or registration

Exceptions:

- (a) in a totally enclosed building, or not visible from the street;
- (b) on a lawful licensed operated business, when necessary to operate the business; or
- (c) licensed storage business.

For (b) and (c), the city may require the vehicles to be fenced or enclosed and not visible from street.

10 day notice: post on vehicle in prominent spot or certified mail; vehicle will be towed if not removed.

Tow: if not removed in 10 days, city or licensed tow operator tows.

Sale: may be sold pursuant to Louisiana Towing and Storage Act or in any manner allowed by law. A sale is not be required if the appraised value is less than the cost of removal and disposal, in which case, the city may discard the vehicle.

Any other junk

“Any other junk”: discarded or abandoned appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, ranges or machinery or other metal, tin or other discarded items, located on public or private property.

Immediately remove and dispose if on public property.

10 day notice if on private property. If not moved discarded or sold through govdeals.

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For abandoned vehicles, junk vehicles or other junk the city could also enforce through city court.