

The Pearisburg Police Department would like to remind Town residents of the Inoperative Motor Vehicle (Junk Car) ordinance. This provision in the Town Code gives the Town and its agents the authority to enforce against the improper storage of inoperative vehicles in our community. The Police Department will be diligently enforcing this Town Ordinance. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the Town Code section below and ensure that you are compliant with its provisions.

Sec. 46-3. Inoperative motor vehicles on private property.

(a) No person shall keep, except within a fully enclosed structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, as such as defined in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100, which is inoperative. As used in this section, an "inoperative motor vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition; or which for a period of 60 days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine, or other essential parts required for the operation of the vehicle or on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business which on June 26, 1970, is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.

(b) The owners of property zoned for residential, commercial, or agricultural purposes shall, upon the written demand of the chief of police, remove therefrom any such inoperative motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers that are not kept within a fully enclosed building or structure. The town through its own agents or employees may remove such inoperative motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers whenever the owner of the premises, after reasonable notice, has failed to do so.

(c) In the event that the town through its own agents or employees removes any such motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers after having given such reasonable notice, the town may dispose of such motor vehicles, trailers or semitrailers after giving additional notice to the owner of the vehicle.
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(d) The cost of any such removal and disposal shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle or premises and may be collected by the town as taxes and levies are collected; and every cost authorized by this section with which the owner of the premises has been assessed shall constitute a lien against the property from which the vehicle was removed, the lien to continue until actual payment of such costs has been made to the town.

(Code 1979, § 14-16; Ord. No. 88-04, § 1, 9-13-88)

Cross references—Nuisances, § 30-31 et seq.; traffic and vehicles, ch. 70.

State law reference—Authority for above section, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-11.1