
JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE

25.0 Purpose

The purpose of the Junk Motor Vehicle requirements is to prevent excessive long term outside storage of motor vehicle(s) that are non-operational and of which there appears to be no apparent intent by the land owner to return it to an operational state.

25.1 Junk Motor Vehicle Definition

For the purpose of this Article, “Junk Motor Vehicles” means any motor vehicle which meets all the following criteria:

1. The vehicle is extensively damaged or apparently inoperable.
2. Left uncovered by not being housed in a garage or other suitable structure, in the open on private property for more than ten (10) days with the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property.

In addition, no junk motor vehicles, i.e., those which are either extensively damaged or apparently inoperable, may be parked in the right-of-way of any state, county or township roadway.

25.2 Procedures for Violation and Appeals

The Zoning Inspector of Harrison Township may send notice by Certified Mail as evidenced by a certificate of mailing, with return receipt requested, to the person having the right to the possession of the property on which a junk motor vehicle is left; stating that within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice the junk motor vehicle either shall be covered, by being housed in a garage or other suitable structure or shall be removed from the property. The fact that a junk motor vehicle is so left is prima-facie evidence of willful failure to comply with the notice, and each subsequent day that a junk motor vehicle continues to be so left constitutes a separate offense under this zoning resolution.

Any person wishing to appeal the decision of the provisions of this article may appeal such decision to the Harrison Township Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with Article 4.9.

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