

CHAPTER 25 – NUISANCES

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ARTICLE IV - INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE

25-4-1 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Code, the following term(s) shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

“INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES” shall mean any inoperable, unlicensed, or abandoned vehicle which is stored outside, except at a place of business licensed to store junk vehicles. For purposes of this Chapter, Inoperable Vehicle shall mean any motor vehicle, truck body, tractor or trailer not in working order or lacking current legal registration which, for a period of at least **seven (7) days**, the engine wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power. “Inoperable Motor Vehicle” shall not include a motor vehicle which has been rendered temporarily incapable of being driven under its own motor power in order to perform ordinary service or repair operations.

25-4-2 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE. All inoperable motor vehicles, whether on public or private property in view of the general public, are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

25-4-3 NOTICE TO OWNER. The Police Chief or a designated representative shall notify the owner of the motor vehicle, informing him that he shall dispose of any inoperable vehicles under his control. If the owner fails to dispose of said inoperable vehicle(s) after **seven (7) days** from the issuance of the notice, the Police Chief or a designated representative may authorize a towing service to remove and take possession of the inoperable vehicle or parts thereof.

25-4-4 EXCLUSIONS. Nothing in this Article shall apply to any motor vehicle that is kept within a building when not in use, to operable historic vehicles over **twenty-five (25) years** of age, or to a motor vehicle on the premises of a licensed business engaged in the wrecking or junking of motor vehicles.

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[See Section 1-1-20 for General Penalty]