

Chapter 7

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ARTICLE VI – JUNK DEALERS

7-6-1 DEFINITIONS.

"JUNK" as used in this Chapter shall be held to mean and include scrap and old iron, steel, chain, brass, copper, magnesium, aluminum, tin, lead or other base metals, scrap lumber, old rope, old bags, rags, waste paper, paper clippings, scraps of woolens, clips, bagging, rubber and glass, and empty bottles of different kinds or sizes when the number of each kind or size is less than **one (1) gross**, any wrecked or dilapidated motor vehicle, engine, or machinery received, stored or held for more than **ninety (90) days**, and all articles and things discarded or no longer used as a manufactured article composed of or consisting of any **one (1)** or more of the materials or articles herein mentioned.

"JUNK DEALER" as used in this Chapter shall be held to mean and include every person, firm, partnership, or corporation that shall engage in the business of buying, selling, bartering or exchanging, or shall collect, receive, store or hold in possession for sale, barter or exchange, any of the things in and by this section defined as "junk".

"JUNK YARD" as used in this Chapter shall be held to mean and include the premises on which a junk dealer is engaged in the business of buying, selling, bartering, exchanging, or collecting, receiving, storing or holding in possession for sale, barter, or exchange, any of the things in and by this Section defined as "junk". **(Also see Chapters 24 and Chapter 25)**

7-6-2 **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS.** The minimum physical requirements at all times for each junk yard shall be as follows:

(A) The premises where the junk yard is located shall not have more than **two (2) entrances** thereto and **two (2) exits** therefrom, each of which shall not exceed **fifteen (15) feet** in width at the perimeter of the premises.

(B) The premises where the junk yard is located shall be enclosed on its perimeter with a solid, non-transparent, vertical wall or fence of a minimum height of **seven (7) feet** measured from ground level, excepting for the entrances and exits permitted by paragraph (A) above.

(C) The aforesaid solid, non-transparent wall or fence and the gates or doors, if any, at the aforesaid entrances and exits shall not contain any sign, poster or advertising matter of any kind whatsoever, excepting **one (1) sign** of the licensee thereon not exceeding **one hundred (100) square feet** in size.

(D) The public streets and alleys adjacent to the junk yard shall not have junk thereon.

7-6-3 **LICENSE REQUIRED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, conduct or operate a junk yard within the corporate limits of the Village without first obtaining a

license to do so as herein provided. A separate license shall be secured for each junk yard located on non-contiguous lots, blocks, tracts or parcels of land.

7-6-4 APPLICATION. Before any license under the provisions of this Section is issued, any person desiring to operate a junk yard in this Village shall first make a verified application in writing to the Clerk in the absence of provision to the contrary, stating thereon the full name of the applicant, his residence address, the trade name of the applicant, the legal description of the premises where the junk yard is to be located, the size and approximate location of each entrance thereto and exit therefrom, whether or not the premises where the junk yard is to be located is enclosed on its perimeter with a solid, non-transparent wall or fence of a minimum height of **seven (7) feet**, measured from ground level, excepting the entrances and exits, and whether or not the public streets and alleys adjacent to the premises where the junk yard is to be located have junk thereon. If the applicant is a firm of partnership, the names and residence addresses of all the partners and in the case of a corporation, the names and residence addresses of the president and secretary shall be stated in the application.

7-6-5 DISQUALIFICATION. Any applicant for a license to keep, maintain, conduct or operate a junk yard shall be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

- (A) Not a person of good character.
- (B) Falsification of an application for a license hereunder.
- (C) License for a junk yard theretofore issued to the applicant has been revoked during the preceding **twenty-four (24) months**.
- (D) Failure to meet any one of the minimum physical requirements for a junk yard as specified in **Section 7-6-2** hereof.

7-6-6 LICENSE. Any and all licenses issued hereunder shall state that such license is issued in the name of the junk dealer solely for the purpose of keeping, maintaining, conducting and operating a junk yard, the expiration date thereof, the legal description of the premises where the junk yard is to be located, that the license shall be used and the privileges thereof exercised only at the described premises, and that such license is non-assignable and non-transferable.

Such license shall further provide that it is issued subject to all the provisions of this Chapter; that upon the first conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, in addition to the fine, such junk yard shall remain closed for a period of **thirty (30) days**; that upon the second conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter, such license shall become null and void, and the licensee shall forfeit all sums paid for such license, and that the licensee, by the acceptance of such license expressly agrees to all the terms and conditions thereof, and to the terms and provisions of this Section and all amendments thereto.

7-6-7 LICENSE FEE. The annual license fee for each junk yard shall be **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** payable in advance with the filing of the application for license, and shall not be subject to prorata reduction for a portion of the year, either because of the application for or because of revocation of a license; provided, however, that only **one (1)** annual license fee shall be payable for licenses which may be issued whenever the applicant desires to keep, maintain, conduct or operate junk yards on lots, blocks, tracts, or parcels of land which are situated on directly opposite sides of and abut upon each side of a public street or alley. Where such place of business is not located in the Village, but the operator carries on the business of buying or collecting or bartering for the items heretofore enumerated within the Village, the annual fee shall be **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for each junk dealer. The fee is payable as provided in this Code.

7-6-8 MINORS. No licensee hereunder shall purchase or receive any article whatsoever from any minor, without the written consent of their parents or guardians.

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