

CHAPTER 51

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51.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. “Junk” means scrap metals or scrap materials, abandoned, dismantled or partially dismantled machinery, motor vehicles, other vehicles or appliances.
2. “Refuse” means all garbage, rubbish, ashes or other substances offensive to sight or smell, dangerous to the public health or detrimental to the best interests of the community.

51.02 RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACCUMULATION AND DEPOSIT OF JUNK AND REFUSE. No person shall permit refuse or junk to accumulate or be stored upon premises owned or occupied by said person or deposit refuse or junk on any other premises except premises designated by the City for that purpose; except refuse may be allowed to accumulate and be stored on premises if it is enclosed in a watertight container made of galvanized iron or other nonrusting material, and except that junk may be allowed to accumulate and be stored at a junkyard.

51.03 NUISANCE ABATEMENT. Each person shall dispose of all refuse and junk accumulating on any premises owned or occupied by such person before it becomes a nuisance. If it does become a nuisance and is so declared by the City, the Council may order the nuisance abated in the manner prescribed in Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

51.04 JUNK VEHICLES. Whenever the Police Chief of the City finds a junk vehicle placed or stored in the open upon private property within the corporate limits, he shall notify the owner or occupant of the property upon which such vehicle is placed or stored to remove the same prior to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting or within ten (10) days, whichever is the longer period of time. The property owner or occupant may appear at the next meeting of the Council to show cause why such vehicle should not be removed. Unless the Council at such meeting remands the order of the Police Chief, and if the order has not been complied with within the time prescribed, the City shall

proceed to move the vehicle and assess the cost thereof against the premises in the same manner as provided for the making of special assessments. The provisions of this section to not apply to motor vehicle junkyards.

51.05 STORAGE OF UNLICENSED VEHICLES. Any motor vehicle not currently licensed for use on streets or highways, including motor vehicles under storage permits and motor vehicles suitable for and used for racing and speed trials, while not in actual use for such purposes as motor vehicles may lawfully be used, including transit from one place to another, together with spare parts and accessories for use in maintaining and repair of such unlicensed motor vehicles when not in actual use for the maintenance or repair of these motor vehicles, shall be kept in a closed building. Any such motor vehicle and the spare parts and accessories therefor not kept in a closed building as provided in this section is deemed junk under the provisions of this chapter and is subject to all of the provisions of this chapter.

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