



KINGS MOUNTAIN

— NORTH CAROLINA —

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JUNKED AND NUISANCE VEHICLES



- The Inspections and Codes Department enforces the Junked and Nuisance Vehicle Ordinance for vehicles located upon private property.
- With high grass season over, we will be able to focus on other violations such as junked vehicles.
- During the months of NOVEMBER and DECEMBER staff will be putting forth an extra effort in enforcement of this ordinance.

AFFECTS OF JUNK AND NUISANCE VEHICLES

- **CURB APPEAL:** Are unsightly and signal neglect, negatively affecting the visual appeal of a neighborhood.
- **PREVENTS DECLINE IN VALUE:** May reduce property values.
- **ENCOURGES UPKEEP:** Establishes a standard for neighborhood appearance discouraging further neglect from other residents.
- **REMOVES HAZARDS:** May leak fluids and contain sharp edges posing dangers.
- **COMMUNITY PRIDE:** Abatement of these vehicles restores a sense of order and cleanliness, leading to greater community satisfaction.

WHAT IS A JUNKED VEHICLE?

A motor vehicle that **DOES NOT** display a current license plate **AND**:

- Is partially dismantled or wrecked; **OR**
- Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; **OR**
- Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$500.

WHAT IS A NUISANCE VEHICLE?

A vehicle that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, including a vehicle found to be:

- Breeding ground or harbor for mosquitos, insects, rats, or other pests;
- Point of heavy growth of weeds or vegetation over 12 inches in height;
- Point of collection of pools or ponds of water;
- Point of concentration of combustible items such as gasoline, oil, other flammable or explosive materials such as: boxes, paper, rags, refuse, or any other combustible material or objects of a like nature;

CONTINUED:

- Has parts which may fall and injure members of the public or one which may have parts which fall or be closed and become an area of confinement which may not be released for opening from the inside;
- So situated and located that there is a danger of the vehicle falling, rolling, turning over, or creating an unsafe movement such as unattended, blocked, or jacked vehicles;
- Point of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or any other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind;
- Has parts which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass; or
- Any other vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the City Council.

WHAT IF I HAVE A JUNKED VEHICLE ON MY PROPERTY?

- Relocate the vehicle to an approved property outside of the city limits.
- Store inside a completely enclosed structure such as a building or garage. A carport or temporary structure is not acceptable.
- One junk vehicle may be located in the rear yard if completely covered by an acceptable covering designed specifically for the size and model of the vehicle.

APPROVED COVERING



UNAPPROVED COVERING



WHAT IF I HAVE A NUSIANCE VEHICLE ON MY PROPERTY?

- Bring the vehicle into compliance with the ordinance;

OR

- Locate the vehicle inside an enclosed building;

OR

- Relocate the vehicle to an approved property outside of the city limits.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- A complaint is filed by a citizen or Code Enforcement Officer.
- A notice of violation is served to the owner for abatement to occur within 7 days.
- The city will cause the vehicle to be towed if the vehicle is still in violation.
- A post towing notice is served with the towing company's contact information.
- There is **NO** cost incurred by the city for the cost of towing!!!