



## Zoning Tidbit #7

### What is considered a Junk Motor Vehicle?

#### REMOVAL OF JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES ARE HANDLED THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP NUISANCE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES RESOLUTION 1230-2019-00

#### JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE – CLASSIFICATION:

ORC Section 505.871 “junk motor vehicle”

1. Three (3) model years old, or older
2. Apparently inoperable
3. Extensively damaged (missing wheels, tires, engine or transmission)

\*\* Township respects collector’s vehicles as defined in ORC Sections 505.871, 505.173 and 4501.01 (F)

#### JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE – NUISANCE & REMOVAL PROCEDURES:

1. Complaint received
2. Staff inspection
3. Informal order sent via regular mail (if violation exists) *a) Seven (7) days compliance period*
4. Board of Trustees declares violation (by Resolution).
5. Formal Orders sent to the property owner *a) Fourteen (14) days from receipt of Resolution to abate the issue or appeal the Boards declaration.*
6. If not abated, the township will send Curtice Auto Parts. (licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer) to remove the vehicle from the premises.
7. Notice sent to and/or posted on the property to notify the owner of the towing and the location of vehicle.  
*a) Notice states fifteen (15) days to claim the vehicle.*  
*b) Staff works with our Sheriff/BMV to run the vehicles VIN number to see if liens on the vehicle exists.*
8. If the vehicle is unclaimed for fifteen (15) days or more, Certified Mail Notice is sent to the owner and lien holders.  
*a) Notice states that unless the contractor expenses and storage fees are paid within fifteen (15) days, an affidavit to obtain a Salvage Certificate of Title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances will be processed.*
9. If the vehicle is not claimed within fifteen (15) days, a second Certified Mail Notice will be sent to the owner and lien holders.  
*a) Notice advises of the filing of the affidavit to obtain a Salvage Certificate of Title.*
10. If the vehicle is not timely claimed, the Township Fiscal Officer shall execute in triplicate an affidavit prescribed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, per ORC Section 505.871. *a) Affidavit certifies that the junk motor vehicle, manner of removal, notices and record search requirements were all satisfied.*
11. The Board of Trustees retains the original affidavit for its records and furnishes the remaining two (2) copies to the contractor.
12. Contractor files one (1) copy of the affidavit with the County Clerk of Courts.
13. If the County Clerk of Courts is satisfied with everything, they will issue the Salvage Certificate of Title free and clear of all liens to the contractor no later than thirty (30) days after the contractor filed the copy of the affidavit.

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