

ORDINANCE NO, 07-4132

Section 10-40. Junked, Abandoned and Nuisance Motor Vehicles---Definitions

Abandoned Motor Vehicles: A motor vehicle shall be deemed to be abandoned if:

- (1) It has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a code provision, law or ordinance of the City prohibiting parking;
- (2) It is left on property owned or operated by the City for longer than 24 hours;
- (3) It is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two hours; or
- (4) It is left on any public street or highway in the City for longer than seven days.

Junked Motor Vehicles: A motor vehicle shall be deemed a junked motor vehicle if it does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked;
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to be moved; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00

Nuisance Motor Vehicles: A motor vehicle shall be deemed a nuisance motor vehicle if it is on public or private property, determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, including:

- (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, or other insects, rats or other pests;
- (2) A point of heavy growth or weeds or other noxious vegetation over eight inches in height;
- (3) A point of collection of pools or ponds of water;
- (4) A point of concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor;
- (5) One which has areas of confinement which cannot be operated from the inside, such as trunks, hoods and the like;
- (6) So situated or located that there is danger of it failing or turning over;
- (7) One which is a point of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste or other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind;
- (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges or metal or glass;
- (9) Any vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the City of Bastrop Alderpersons.

Section 10-41. Storage of Junked Motor Vehicles

One junked motor vehicles can be located in the rear yard (behind a structure that is in use as a residence or in use as a place or business if it is entirely concealed from public view from a public street and from abutting premises by acceptable covering. The covering must remain in good repair and must not be allowed to deteriorate. Any other junked motor vehicles must be kept in a garage or building structure that provides a complete enclosure so that the junked motor vehicle(s) cannot be seen from a public street or abutting property.

Section 10-49. Penalty

The owner of the property (premises or motor vehicle) or occupant shall satisfy or abate the conditions associated with Junked, Abandoned or Nuisance Motor Vehicles, as defined in this Chapter, that are cited in written notice issued to the owner or occupant by the City's code enforcement officer or by any law enforcement officer having enforcement duties with the City of Bastrop within fifteen (15) days of receipt or alternatively, appear and show cause if he or she can, at the City Court of Bastrop, Louisiana, 102 East Jefferson Avenue; Bastrop, Louisiana, on a date and at a time provided to the owner or occupant on the faces of the notice, why a Judgment should not issue, determining that the owner or occupant cited is in violation of this section of the Code of Ordinances and adjudging said owner or occupant financial liable to the City of Bastrop for the cost of removal of junked or abandoned motor vehicles on the premises, and why an order should not be issued to authorize the City to remove junked or abandoned motor vehicles that are situated on the premises, in violation of this Section.