Sec. 22-33. Junked storage on private property or public roadway.

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Disassembled, inoperable, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, trailers* means motor vehicles in physical or mechanical ruin so as to be incapable of propulsion, being operated upon the public streets or highways or which is otherwise not in safe or legal condition for operation on public streets or highways due to missing or inoperative parts, flat or removed tires, expired or missing license plates, or other defects.

*Inoperable appliance* means any stove, washer or refrigerator which is no longer operable in the sense for which it was manufactured.

*Motor vehicle* is defined in Wis. Stats. § 340.01.

*Unlicensed motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors or trailers* means motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors or trailers which do not bear lawful current license plates.

(b) *Storage of junk prohibited.* No person shall store junked or discarded property including disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, trailers, farm machinery, refrigerators, toilets, bathtubs, sinks, furnaces, washing machines, stoves, machinery or machinery parts, wood, bricks, cement blocks, or other unsightly debris for a period to exceed ten days~~, repair or storage business enterprise located in a properly zoned area.~~

(c) *Written notice of violation and order to remove.* The police chief may require by written order any premises violating this section to be put in compliance within the time specified in such order, and if the order is not complied with, may have the premises put in compliance and the cost thereof assessed as a special tax against the property.

(d) *Exceptions.* The prohibitions of this section shall not apply to motor vehicles registered pursuant to state law. In addition, the following exceptions shall apply: Motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessories may be stored within an enclosed building or on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, in a storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner, or seasonal use vehicles such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters and non-motorized campers, provided such vehicles are stored in rear yard areas. Such business enterprises shall include auto junk yards, auto repair and body shops, but shall not include automobile service stations or tire, battery and accessory sales stores, except those service stations which operate a duly licensed wrecker service.

(e) *Discretion of police chief to grant additional time for compliance.* The police chief may issue permits permitting an extension of time for compliance with this section not to exceed an additional 30 days when in his discretion exceptional facts and circumstances warrant such extension.

(f) *Enforcement.*

(1) Whenever the police department shall find any vehicles or appliances, as described herein, placed or stored in the open upon private property within the village, they shall notify the owner of the property on which the vehicle or appliance is stored of the violation of this section. If the vehicle or appliance is not removed within five days, the police department shall cause to be issued a citation to the property owner or tenant of the property upon which the vehicle or appliance is stored.

(2) If such vehicle or appliance is not removed within 20 days after issuance of a citation, the police chief shall cause the vehicle or appliance to be removed and impounded and it shall thereafter be disposed of as prescribed in sections 22-189 and 22-190 by the police chief or his duly authorized representative. Any cost incurred in the removal and sale of the vehicle or appliance shall be recovered from the owner. However, if the owner of the vehicle or appliance cannot readily be found, the cost of such removal shall be charged to the property from which it is removed, which charges shall be entered as a special charge on the tax roll.

(g) *Penalty.* Any person who shall interfere with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this section and shall be found guilty thereof shall be subject to a penalty as provided in section 1-14 in addition to all other applicable penalties. Each motor vehicle or appliance involved shall constitute a separate offense.

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