

# Abandoned Motor Vehicles

## City of Bangor Michigan

Abandoned, junk or inoperative motor vehicles look bad and create a blighting influence on neighborhoods. They can also be safety hazards for children who may be attracted to playing in and around them. For these reasons, the parking of such vehicles has been restricted in the City of Bangor. In addition to protecting the appearance and safety of neighborhoods for the enjoyment of residents who live there, the City's abandoned vehicle regulations were adopted to protect property values. Evidence has shown that the appearance of surrounding properties clearly affects the value of your property and others in the community.

## Vehicles Covered By This Code

Covered and uncovered abandoned, junk or inoperative motor vehicles. These include vehicles that are designed or intended for use on the public streets that:

- do not display a current license tag issued to the vehicle;
- are not equipped with all parts or equipment required to be legally and safely operated on public streets; or
- are in a state of disrepair whereby they cannot start and roll on their own power.

**Note:** One unlicensed vehicle may be present on a property as long as it does not meet one of the three items immediately above.

## Where to Park, Store or Locate an Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicle

An abandoned, junk or inoperative motor vehicle can only be stored within a legally constructed, fully enclosed building such as a garage.

## What Action Needs to Be Taken If a Violation Notice Is Received?

Depending upon the reason that the vehicle has been determined to be abandoned, one of more of the following actions may be required:

- Obtain and display current license tags issued to the vehicle;
- Install required parts or repair the vehicle so that it can start and roll on its own power; or
- Remove the vehicle from the public or private property.

## What Happens If No Action Is Taken?

In the event the owner fails to remove the vehicle within 10 days of having received written notice, the City or its private contractor may remove the vehicle and store it for a period of 20 days. During this period, the owner may redeem the vehicle after paying for the removal and storage of the vehicle, and presenting proof of ownership. After the 20-day period, the contractor may dispose of the abandoned or inoperative vehicle. The City may decide to not remove the vehicle. Instead the City may issue a Municipal Civil Infraction for the violation. This is a fine. The fine doubles if not paid in 7 days. If not paid after this, the City will move the violation into public court for resolution.

If you should receive a violation notice, we recommend that you: Find out how to correct the problem and do so promptly by contacting the City's Ordinance Enforcement Officer at 427-5831. In some cases you may ask for additional time provided you are making progress on correcting the violations.