

CHAPTER 28 TRASH AND JUNK; INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Section 28.1 Definitions.

- A. **Vehicle** means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon rails or tracks.
- B. **Motor vehicle** means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.
- C. **Inoperable vehicle or motor vehicle** means any vehicle or motor vehicle which cannot be started or legally or physically operated on city streets or public highways by virtue of lacking the equipment required by the laws of the State of Michigan, or which does not bear valid and current license plates.
- D. **Junked vehicles or motor vehicles** includes all parts or accessories of vehicles or motor vehicles without which vehicles or motor vehicles cannot be operated in a safe manner on city streets or public highways.
- E. **Junked vehicles or motor vehicles** means vehicles or motor vehicles which have been so damaged or dismantled as to be total losses.
- F. **Person** as used herein shall include any person, firm or corporation.
- G. **Total loss** means the cost to repair a damaged or dismantled vehicle or motor vehicle exceeds the fair market value for such vehicle. Fair market value may be determined by using any nationally recognized appraisal books or method.
- H. **Trash and Junk** are used synonymously and each as herein used shall include the following: Used articles or used pieces of: iron, scrap metal, automobile bodies or parts of machinery or junked or discarded machinery, used lumber which may be used as a harborage for rats, ashes, garbage, industrial by-products or waste, empty cans, food containers, bottles, crockery, utensils of any kind, boxes, barrels, and all other articles customarily considered trash or junk and which are not housed in a building.

Section 28.2 Storage of Inoperable or Junked Vehicles or Motor Vehicles. No person, firm, or corporation shall accumulate, store, place or permit the accumulation, storage, or placement of any inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle in Courtland Township, for more than 48 hours, unless such inoperable or junk vehicle or motor vehicle is stored in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of Courtland Township or in enclosed garages or other structures.

Section 28.3 Accumulation or Placing of Trash or Junk. It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate, place, or allow or permit the accumulation or placing of trash or junk on any

premises in said Township, except in a sanitary landfill licensed by the State of Michigan or in a junkyard duly licensed by the Township.

Section 28.4 Prima Facie Evidence. The ownership, occupation or use of land by any person, firm or corporation upon which an inoperable or junked vehicle or motor vehicle is accumulated, stored, or placed shall be prima facie evidence that such person, firm, or corporation accumulated, stored or placed such inoperable vehicle or motor vehicle upon such land, or permitted such inoperable vehicle or motor vehicle to be accumulated, stored or placed upon such land.