

**PARKING OF UNREGISTERED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES OR
OTHER UNSIGHTLY MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT IN
PLAINVILLE**

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

(a) The term "Motor Vehicle" shall include automobiles, cars, trucks, camp trailers, boat trailers, housetrailers and mobile homes, motorcycles, or any other wheeled vehicle designed or used for highway use and required to be registered by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The term "inoperable" means inherently incapable of performing the function for which designed by virtue of parts missing, essential components broken or severely damaged, and/or incapable of being registered or fit for the intended use.

(c) "Unsightly materials" shall include parts of motor vehicles or old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage or other waste, discarded or second-hand material. "Unsightly equipment" shall include used or second-hand household, construction, business or industrial equipment.

SEC. 2.

(a) No unregistered or inoperable motor vehicles shall be stored, or parked or kept, in open space, in Plainville for a period exceeding five days.

(b) No unsightly materials or equipment shall be stored or kept, in open space, in any residential zone in the Town of Plainville for a period exceeding five days unless such materials or equipment is intended for bona fide construction for which a permit has been issued by the Building Department.

(c) No unsightly materials or equipment shall be stored or kept in any Industrial or Commercial Zone in the Town of Plainville for a period exceeding five (5) days unless such materials or equipment are intended for bona fide construction for which a permit has been issued by the Building Department or screened from public view by means of natural or artificial screening.

SEC. 3. EXCEPTIONS.

(a) Licensed garages, service stations, new or used car lots, are outside the scope of this ordinance and such uses shall continue to be regulated by the provisions of the Plainville Zoning Regulations or by the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) This ordinance shall not apply to housetrailer or mobile homes which are operable, capable of being registered, and fit for occupancy.

(c) This ordinance shall not apply to operable unregistered motor vehicles owned by persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States outside the State of Connecticut. Such persons shall be required to submit evidence satisfactory to the Building Inspector to qualify for the exception.

(d) In Industrial and Commercial Zones, this ordinance shall not apply to operable commercial vehicles/equipment that may be seasonably registered due to the nature of the business involved, to operable commercial vehicles that are not customarily registered because of the type of work for which they are used provided they are screened from public view by means of natural or artificial screening.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT.

When it is determined that items described in Section 1 of this Ordinance are being stored, parked, or left, the Building Official or his designated agent shall serve written notice of the violation of this Ordinance on the owner of such material or, if the owner thereof cannot be determined, shall serve written notice on the owner or agent of the private property involved, by first class mail ordering that the items be removed within a reasonable time limit. The owner or agent shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease and abate all violations.

SECTION 5. PENALTY.

(a) Any person who continues any violation beyond the time limit provided for in the written notice under Section 4, shall be fined Ninety and 00/100 (\$90.00) dollars. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance, tickets may be issued by any persons authorized to issue tickets,

summons or infractions under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Charter of the Town of Plainville.

(b) If a violation of this ordinance continues beyond the time limit provided for in the written notice under Section 4 the Building Official, in addition to other remedies, may institute an action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful storing of items described within this Ordinance, or to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to prevent any further illegal act or conduct about such premises.

(c) Any person who is found to be in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall become liable to the Town of Plainville for any expenses, costs, losses or damages occasioned the Town of Plainville by reason of such violation.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance, as assembled, shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication of these Amendments.

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