10.42.110
Keeping of Unregistered, Wrecked or Junked Vehicles Unlawful; Exceptions; Penalty

It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to allow any non-operating, wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled vehicle to remain on such property longer than thirty days.

It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to allow any vehicle which has been unregistered for more than thirty days to remain on such property.

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JUNK CAR RESOLUTION

Addressing Unregistered, Wrecked or Junked Vehicles

LANCASTER COUNTY NEBRASKA

Why did Lancaster County pass a Resolution for this?

The Resolution exists because citizens spoke out about the large number of "junk cars" accumulating on private property. These vehicles pose health and safety problems and distract from the quality of life in Lancaster County.

Who should be concerned?

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution adopting the City of Lincoln's Junked Vehicle Ordinance and enforcement by the Sheriff's Office within the three mile zoning jurisdiction of the City of Lincoln. You should be concerned if you have:

- an unregistered vehicle on your property. If you have owned or possessed a vehicle for over 30 days, you have to register it - whether it is on your property or not.
- a vehicle on your property for over 30 days that does not run. If it is wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled, it does not matter if it is registered or not.

Are there any exceptions?

This Resolution does not apply if you have a vehicle:

- in a permanent, enclosed building,
- on the premises of a legally operating business and there is a clear relationship between that vehicle and operation of the business,
- on the premises of a farmstead when necessary for the operation of the farmstead *(defined as at least 20 acres and producing a minimum of $1,000.00 of farm products a year)*.
- in an appropriate, legal storage place, or-
- on your property and you have obtained a hobbyist permit for that vehicle.

How can I get a hobbyist permit?

A hobbyist permit is for the restoration or repair of up to 2 vehicles. The location of the vehicle must be the same as the applicant's address. *These are the steps:*

- Get an application from the City Clerk's Office, from LincNet at http://interlinc.ci.lincoln.ne.us.
- Fill out the application and file it with the City Clerk.
- Pay $50.00 fee for each vehicle. Permits are good for 180 days.

What are the penalties?

Any person violating any provisions of these regulations can be found guilty of a misdemeanor. If convicted, they can be fined up to $500. Minimum fines are $100 for the first offense, $200 for the second offense, and $300 for the third and any following offenses. Each day a violation continues to exist constitutes a separate offense.

Are there other ways to comply besides the hobbyist permit?

If you do not intend to obtain a hobbyist permit, you can:

- Contact a salvage company and have your vehicle removed. *(Some companies may accept the salvage rights as payment for the tow.)*
- If you are a renter and the vehicle is not yours, contact the property owner or manager and request that it be removed immediately.

For information, call:

- Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 441-6500
- To report Junk Vehicles call 441-6000.