

Sec. 32-175. Definitions.

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

*Abandoned vehicle* shall be defined as in S.C. Code Ann. § 56-5-5810.

***Nonoperating vehicle*** means any vehicle that meets two or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Does not display a current license plate;
- (2) Is in a state of disrepair; and/or
- (3) Is incapable of being moved under its own power.

***State of disrepair*** means wrecked; dismantled; cracked; shattered or missing windshield or glass; severely damaged or missing body panels; uninflated or under inflated tires; inoperative due to the absence of a motor, transmission, wheels or other major components; or used for the storage of household or commercial goods which result in a visual nuisance.

*(Code 1994, § 11-26; Code 2003, § 18.601; Ord. No. 1998-04, 4-14-1998)*

**Sec. 32-176. Abandoned vehicles.**

No person shall abandon any vehicle within the City and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the City for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned.

*(Code 1994, § 11-28; Code 2003, § 18.602)*

**Sec. 32-177. Nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicles.**

- (a) No person shall leave any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the City.
- (b) No person in charge or control of any property within the City, whether as the owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicle to remain on such property longer than 72 hours.
- (c) This section shall not apply to a vehicle that is:
  - (1) In an enclosed building, not readily visible from the street or other public or private property, or protected from the elements by a custom cover which is water repellent, property secured to vehicle;
  - (2) Not itself in a state of disrepair;
  - (3) On the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise; or
  - (4) In an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the City.

*(Code 1994, § 11-29; Code 2003, § 18.603; Ord. No. 1998-04, 4-14-1998)*

**Sec. 32-178. Removal of vehicles.**

(a) The Public Safety Director and Building Officials are hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle left at any place within the City which reasonably appears to be in violation of this article, or lost, stolen or unclaimed.

(b) Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with State law.

*(Code 1994, § 11-30; Code 2003, § 18.604)*

**Sec. 32-179. Penalty.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

*(Code 2003, § 18.605)*