



## **JUNKED, ABANDONED, AND NUISANCE VEHICLE CHEAT SHEET**

### **WHY DOES THE TOWN REGULATE THESE VEHICLES?**

- (1) Protection of property values;
- (2) Promotion of economic development opportunities;
- (3) Indirect protection of public health and safety;
- (4) Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; and
- (5) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of area residents.

### **WHAT IS A “JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE?”**

Per Section 95 of the Town of Waxhaw Code of Ordinances a junked motor vehicle is a vehicle that:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked;
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$500.

### **WHAT IS AN “ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE?”**

Per Section 95 of the Town of Waxhaw Code of Ordinances an abandoned motor vehicle is a vehicle that:

- (1) Is left upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking;
- (2) Is left on a public street or highway for longer than seven days;
- (3) Is left on property owned or operated by the town for longer than 24 hours; or
- (4) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof, for longer than two hours.

### **WHAT IS A “NUISANCE VEHICLE?”**

Per Section 95 of the Town of Waxhaw Code of Ordinances an abandoned motor vehicle is a vehicle that:

- (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, other insects, rats or other pests;
- (2) A point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation over eight inches in height;
- (3) A point of collection of pools or ponds of water;
- (4) A point of concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor;

- (5) One which has areas of confinement which cannot be operated from the inside, such as trunks, hoods and the like;
- (6) So situated or located that there is a danger of it falling or turning over;
- (7) One which is a point of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste or any other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind;
- (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass; and/or

#### **WHEN ARE JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES ALLOWED?**

One (1) junked motor vehicle can be located in the rear yard IF the vehicle is concealed from public view and from abutting property by an acceptable covering. Any other junked motor vehicle must be kept in a building that provides complete enclosure.

#### **WHAT REMEDY DOES THE TOWN HAVE TO ADDRESS JUNKED, ABANDONED, AND NUISANCE VEHICLES?**

Failure to comply with the ordinance may result in a \$50 civil penalty. In addition, the Town of Waxhaw may order a vehicle to be removed and contract with a private towing company to remove it.