

Staff Report

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Abandoned Vehicles

FOR the purpose of establishing a fine for a violation of Section 12.44.020 of the Code of the City of Annapolis concerning leaving abandoned vehicles on public property.

Abandoned vehicles located in any place where they are visible from a public place or in the public right-of-way are detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, they have a tendency to reduce property values, to invite vandalism, to create fire hazards, to constitute an unattractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, and are detrimental to the economic welfare of the city by producing urban blight which is adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of the city and such vehicles so located are, therefore, declared to be a public nuisance.

Wrecked or Nonoperating Vehicles on Public Property

FOR the purpose of establishing a fine for a violation of Section 12.44.030.A of the Code of the City of Annapolis concerning leaving wrecked or nonoperating vehicles on public property.

There have been several observations by citizens and parking enforcement personnel of wrecked or nonoperating vehicles parked for extended periods on city streets. These vehicles are often reported to authorities by residents as junked and detracting from the quality of life of their communities. Any some instances, the vehicle owner has been notified of the vehicle and has taken no correction action. Wrecked or nonoperating vehicles attract undesirable elements that have a negative effect on community appeal. They generally attract trash, unsafe conditions and vandalism.

Resolution 1-18 establishes a fine for leaving a nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicles on any street or highway or upon any public property.

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