

1 **..Title**

2 **Abandoned Vehicles** – For the purpose of permitting an authorized agent of the City of
3 Annapolis to exercise limited enforcement authority in the impoundment of abandoned
4 vehicles; establishing a fine for leaving wrecked or nonoperating vehicles on public
5 property; and matters generally relating to the abandonment of vehicles.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 *City of Annapolis*

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10 **Ordinance 3-18**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney**

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14 **Referred to**

15 Public Safety Committee
16 Transportation Committee
17 Transportation Board

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19 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

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21 **Abandoned Vehicles**

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23 **FOR** the purpose of permitting an authorized agent of the City of Annapolis to exercise
24 limited enforcement authority in the impoundment of abandoned vehicles;
25 establishing a fine for leaving wrecked or nonoperating vehicles on public
26 property; and matters generally relating to the abandonment of vehicles.

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28 **BY** repealing and re-enacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of
29 the City of Annapolis, 2018 Edition
30 12.44.010
31 12.44.020
32 12.44.030

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35 **SECTION I: BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS**
36 **CITY COUNCIL** that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as
37 follows:

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39 **TITLE 12 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**
40 **Chapter 12.44 – ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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42 For enforcement purposes under this title, the Police Chief may delegate his
43 authority to an authorized agent.

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45 **Section 12.44.010 - Definitions.**
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1 For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings
2 indicated:

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4 A. "Authorized agent" means the company or legal entity, and its employees, agents
5 and contractors, that has been designated by the city in writing to perform any
6 duties or responsibilities related to enforcement purposes under this title.

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8 AB. "Property" means any real property which is not a street or highway.

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10 BC. "Street or highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every
11 way publicly maintained.

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13 CD. "Vehicle" means a machine propelled by power other than human power designed
14 to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners or slides, and to
15 transport persons or property or pull machinery and shall include, without
16 limitation, automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy and wagon.

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18 **Section 12.44.020 – Abandonment Prohibited.**

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20 A. No person shall abandon any vehicle as defined by the Maryland Transportation
21 Article, Section 25-201 or its successor. No person shall leave any vehicle at any
22 place for a time and under circumstances which cause the vehicle reasonably to
23 appear to have been abandoned.

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25 B. An abandoned vehicle may be impounded by the Police Department or an
26 authorized agent. The costs related to impoundment shall be borne by the owner
27 of the vehicle and constitute a lien against the vehicle.

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29 **Section 12.44.030 - Wrecked or nonoperating vehicles on public property.**

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31 A. No person shall leave any partly dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked or junked
32 vehicle on any street or highway, or upon any public property.

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34 B. Any person who violates this section, upon conviction, is guilty of a municipal
35 infraction as defined by Chapter 1.20 and is subject to a fine as established by resolution
36 of the City Council.

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39 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY**
40 **THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date
41 of its passage.

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44 **EXPLANATION**

45 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

46 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.