

Knox County Code Administration ★ Inspection ★ Enforcement

Vehicle Ordinance - Fact Sheet Handout

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DEFINITIONS:

Abandoned motor vehicle means:

1. A motor vehicle that is left unattended on public property for more than 30 days.
2. Any motor vehicle that has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than 48 hours; or a motor vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours.

Inoperable motor vehicle means any motor vehicle which:

1. Does not have an engine in running condition, four tires, a battery, and valid state license plate issued to the person owning the land on which it is parked;
2. Has been abandoned by its owner; or
3. For any reason is not operable and not practically repairable, shall be deemed an inoperable motor vehicle.



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ENFORCEMENT:

- An abandoned or inoperable vehicle cannot be stored on public or private property for more than 48 hours. There will be cases where an abandoned inoperable vehicle will be given a 30 day notice to remove when it is on a private property and is in violation of the ordinance.
- If an inoperable vehicle is in violation, it will be tagged by a Codes Enforcement Officer. The vehicle must be removed within 48 hours of the tagging. If it is not removed, Knox County will remove the vehicle at the owner's expense.
- Appeal of the order to remove this vehicle can be made to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals at 865-215-2325.
- The Knox County Zoning Ordinance is also utilized to enforce vehicle violations.