

**Chapter 17**  
**MOTOR VEHICLES**  
**DISMANTLED OR INOPERABLE**

**17.01.00 Disabled/Inoperable Motor Vehicles – Regulated.**

No person shall permit any disabled motor vehicle to be operated, parked, stored, placed, or allowed to remain within the city in violation of the provisions of this chapter. A disabled/inoperable motor vehicle shall mean any vehicle which is incapable of being self-propelled upon the public streets, or which does not meet the requirements for operation upon the public streets, including a current license.

**17.02.00 Same – Prohibited on Streets**

Disabled motor vehicles shall not be permitted in the rights of way of the streets, alleys, or highways within the city; provided, however, that this shall not apply to towing or similar transporting of such vehicles; and provided further that a reasonable time (not to exceed 48 hours from the time of disability) shall be permitted for the removal of a disabled vehicle in an emergency caused by accident or sudden breakdown of the vehicle.

**17.03.00 Same – Front yard**

Disabled motor vehicles shall not be permitted in a front yard as defined by the zoning ordinance of the city; provided, however, that a reasonable time (not to exceed 48 hours from the time of disability) shall be permitted for the removal or servicing of a disabled vehicle in any emergency caused by accident or sudden breakdown of the vehicle.

**17.04.00 Same – Side or Rear Yards**

One disabled motor vehicle may be permitted in a side or rear yard of a residential, commercial or industrial lot as an accessory use to the main use of the lot; provided, that such vehicle is not located in any open space required by the zoning laws. Service and repair work may be performed on such vehicle and incidental that to parts, tools, and equipment may be stored and used. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as authorizing the disassembly, teardown, or scrapping of motor vehicles or to permit one motor vehicle to be scavenged or stripped for parts for use on another motor vehicle. Provided, however, that a disabled vehicle shall not be permitted to remain outside of a building for a period in excess of thirty (30) days on any lot used for residential purposes or on that portion of any lot within twenty (20) feet of an abutting lot used for residential purposes.

**17.05.00 Same – Garage**

Storage, service, and repair of a disabled motor vehicle which is conducted entirely within the confines of an accessory garage shall be permitted; provided, that such vehicle is the property of the owner or occupier of the lot and that such use is not a commercial use of the property, unless such use is authorized by other ordinances of the city.

**17.06.00 Same – Where Permitted**

Storage, repair, and servicing of disabled motor vehicles not authorized herein and the tearing down, stripping, or junking of motor vehicles shall be permitted only where and when such use is specifically authorized, permitted, or licensed under other ordinances of the city and in accordance therewith.

**17.07.00 Same – Enforcement**

It shall be the duty of the police department to enforce this chapter; provided, however, that the chief building inspector and the zoning enforcement officer shall assist and co-operate in such enforcement.

**17.08.00 Same – Penalties**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate or assist in the violation of this ordinance on private property, shall be responsible for a Grade A civil infraction. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate or assist in the violation of this ordinance on public property, shall be responsible for a Grade B civil infraction