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PULASKI COUNTY INOPERABLE VEHICLE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, by Section 15.2-904 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure from which they cannot be seen or otherwise fully covered or fully screened with an opaque visual barrier from view from any public right-of-way, on any property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes any motor vehicle, trailer or semi trailer, as such are defined in Section 46.2-100 or its successor statute of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which is inoperable. Vehicles which are exempted from the requirements of displaying license plates under the provisions of Sections 46.2-662 through 46.2-675, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, are exempt from the requirements of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person, firm or corporation may keep outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, but which is either fully covered or fully screened from view with an opaque visual barrier, or located less than 200 feet from any public street, roadway or highway, no more than one inoperable motor vehicle. As used in this ordinance, an "inoperable motor vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition; or which for a period of ninety (90) days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine, or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle or on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. However, the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to a currently licensed business which was on June 26, 1970, and is now legally, currently and regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor on the site where the motor vehicle, trailer or semi trailer is located.

As used in this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, "shielded or screened from view" means not visible from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located by someone standing at the ground level of the subject vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that: (1) the owners of property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes shall, at such time or times as the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, may prescribe, remove therefrom any such inoperable motor vehicles, trailers or semi trailers that are not kept within a fully enclosed building or structure; (2) the Board of Supervisors of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, through its own agents or employees may remove any such inoperable motor vehicles, trailers or semi trailer, whenever the owner of the premises, after reasonable notice, has failed to do so; (3) in the event the Board of Supervisors of Pulaski County,

Virginia, through its own agents or employees, removes any such motor vehicles, trailers or semi trailers, after having given such reasonable notice, Pulaski County may dispose of such motor vehicles, trailers or semi trailers after giving additional notice to the owner of the vehicle; (4) the cost of any such removal and disposal shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle or premises and may be collected by Pulaski County, as taxes and levies are collected; and (5) every cost authorized by this ordinance with which the owner of the premises has been assessed shall constitute a lien against the property from which the vehicle was removed, the lien to continue until actual payment of such costs has been made to Pulaski County. ***Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in a Class 2 Misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.***

This Ordinance does not amend either the Pulaski County Automobile License Tax Ordinance as amended or the Pulaski County Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance.