

**BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-114**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE II, SECTION 11-16, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Houston, Missouri, is amended, in its entirety, and shall read, as follows:

Sec. 11-16. – Definitions.

- (a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- (1) *Inoperable motor vehicle* means any vehicle of which the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise segregated and the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power, or is in such a non-operating condition that it will not pass state inspection, as required by § 307.350, RSMo., without repair, or is not registered or is improperly registered with the state.
  - (2) *Junked or wrecked vehicle* means any vehicle which has been wrecked or demolished to such a degree that it can no longer be operated without repair, or which has broken down and no longer can be operated without repair.
  - (3) *Vehicle*, as used in this article, means any machine propelled by power other than by manpower which is designed to travel along or over the ground or water by use of wheels, treads, runners, slides and includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, motor vehicles, tractors, motorcycles, campers, pulled/towed machinery, recreational vehicles (RVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility vehicles (UTVs), golf carts, riding lawnmowers, and boats or any part or portion thereof.
  - (4) *Operable vehicle* shall mean a vehicle that is mechanically capable of being operated in its customary manner.
  - (5) *Unlicensed vehicle* shall mean a vehicle that is not currently licensed and/or registered as required for that type of vehicle. Such licensing and/or registration may be required by federal, state or municipal statutes, ordinances or regulations in order to permit the normal operation of said vehicle.
  - (6) *Enclosed area* shall mean any area that is inaccessible to the public view.

- (7) *Junk* shall mean any tires, metal, glass, paper, rags, wood, machinery parts, cloth or other waste or discarded material of any nature or substance.
- (8) *Property* shall mean any real property within the city or any city property within or without the corporate limits that is not a street or highway.
- (9) *Street or highway* shall mean the entire width, paved and unpaved, of every publicly maintained way when any part is open to the public for vehicular travel.
- (10) *Commercial Exceptions:*
  - (i) Any inoperable motor vehicle, as defined above, remaining on the premises of a duly licensed vehicle repair shop, autobody repair shop, vehicle dealership, vehicle towing business, and vehicle storage lot within the city that is concealed from the public view or that is in an enclosed area surrounded by a fence of not less than six feet (6') in height, that prevents the public from viewing the vehicle behind the fence shall not be deemed in violation Section 11-17 hereof.
  - (ii) Any inoperable motor vehicle, as defined above, remaining on the premises of a duly licensed vehicle repair shop, autobody repair shop, vehicle dealership, vehicle towing business, and vehicle storage lot within the city that is not concealed from the public view for a period of less than ninety (90) days shall not be deemed in violation Section 11-17 hereof; however, any such vehicle remaining on any such premises for ninety (90) or more days shall be deemed in violation of, and subject to the penalties prescribed in, Section 11-17 hereof.
  - (iii) Any inoperable motor vehicle, as define above, stored for a period of up to twelve (12) months on the premises of a business holding a crushed vehicle storage permit duly issued by the city shall not be deemed in violation of Section 11-17.
  - (iv) To qualify for the exceptions under subparagraph (10)(i)-(iii), an inoperable motor vehicle must be clearly marked on the windshield or body thereof with the date on which the vehicle was first placed upon the premises.
  - (v) Any tires stored for a period of up to twelve (12) months on the premises of a business holding a tire storage permit duly issued by the city shall not be deemed in violation of Section 11-17 so long as such tires are in an enclosed area.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON,  
MISSOURI, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Victoria Narancich  
Mayor of Houston, Missouri

Attest:

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- City Clerk