

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-115

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE II, SECTION 11-17, 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 11-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Houston, Missouri, is amended, in its entirety, and shall read, as follows:

Sec. 11-17. - Nuisance declared; maintenance thereof unlawful; penalties.

(a) *Declared public nuisance.*

(1) Any inoperable, junked, wrecked, damaged, demolished, disabled or unlicensed motor vehicle, or part or portion thereof, or junk that is left or permitted to remain upon any property or street is hereby declared to be a public nuisance unless such vehicle is in a completely enclosed building, in that such vehicle, or part or portion thereof or junk may create a fire hazard or afford a nesting place, harborage place or breeding place for mosquitoes, flies, rodents, rats and other vermin and also may be an attractive nuisance to children, constitutes a serious danger and threat to such children, and may be an additional costly obstruction to the care and maintenance of such property or streets, when weeds, grass or other vegetation must be removed by private individuals or the city.

(2) Any building on property within the city limits, occupied or unoccupied, which presents a hazard to public safety, or any property which harbors tall grass, weeds or other vegetation or creates a fire hazard, or affords a breeding place for mosquitoes, flies, rodents, rats and other vermin is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to create or maintain a public nuisance as defined in subsections (a)(1) or (a)(2) hereof.

(b) *Leaving within city prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or permit to remain anywhere within the city any vehicle or junk that constitutes a public nuisance as defined in subsection (a) hereof.

(c) *Penalties.* Independent of any abatement procedure provided for in Chapter 11 hereof, any person found to be in violation of this Section 11-17 shall be subject to the following penalties for each and every offending vehicle or category of junk:

- (1) Any person violating the provisions of this article shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for his or her first offense.
- (2) Any person who commits a second violation of the provisions of this article more than thirty (30) days after the entry of a first conviction for a violation hereof, and within a twelve-month period after the first conviction, shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (3) Any person who commits a third violation of the provisions of this article more than thirty (30) days after the entry of a second conviction for a violation hereof, and within a twelve-month period after the first conviction, shall be fined three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).
- (4) Any person who commits a fourth or subsequent violation of the provisions of this article more than thirty (30) days after the entry of a third conviction for a violation hereof, and within a twelve-month period after the first conviction, within a twelve-month period shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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.

Victoria Narancich
Mayor of Houston, Missouri

Attest:

- City Clerk