

1260.17 OPEN STORAGE: **JUNK** AND ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED.

(a) Motor vehicles may be stored outside an enclosed structure if they are not **junk or** abandoned **vehicles**.

(1) *For purposes of this section, “junk motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle which is three years old or older; extensively damaged, the damage including but not limited to any of the following: missing wheels, tires, motor or transmission; apparently inoperable;*

(2) *For purpose of this section, “abandoned motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle standing or parked on private property for seven days or more unless such vehicle is stored in the garage located on the owner's lessee's or agent's premises.*

(b) ~~Nevertheless,~~ No person shall have a **junk or** abandoned motor vehicle standing or parked on private property ~~for seven days or more~~ unless such vehicle is stored in the garage located on the owner's, lessee's or agent's premises.

It shall be prima-facie evidence of abandonment if any of the following circumstances exist:

~~(a)~~(1) The vehicle fails to display current lawfully required license plates and/or license tags.

~~(b)~~(2) The vehicle has been damaged, wrecked or disassembled so as to be inoperable.

(c) *The Chief of Police or any member of the Police Department designated by him or her, or the Building Commissioner, is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle left in any place within the City which reasonably appears to be in violation of this section, as a junk or abandoned vehicle. Such vehicle shall be impounded pursuant to North Royalton Ordinance 404.05 until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Ohio R.C. 737.32.*