

JUNK VEHICLES ARE CONSIDERED A NUISANCE

The State of Washington and City of Spokane have deemed junk vehicles to be a public nuisance.

Junk vehicles are considered a public nuisance due to the fact that they are more than an eyesore. Some other factors that have been considered are that they:

- detract from the residential aspect of the neighborhood and reduce property values.
- can be hazardous attraction to children and often have sharp edges, broken glass and are up on unsteady jacks, etc.
- are often left in open areas where they are noticed by many people.
- have toxic fluids and other material that are often found to be on the ground.



Questions?

Feel free to call or contact us:

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Junk Vehicles



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WHAT IS A JUNK VEHICLE?

“Junk Vehicle” under SMC 10.16.010F is a vehicle certified under RCW 46.55.230 as meeting at least three of the following requirements:

1. Is it three years old or older?
2. Is it extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to:
 - A broken window or windshield.
 - Missing wheels, tires, motor or transmission.
3. Is it apparently inoperable?
4. Is the approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrape in it?

Are There Exceptions?

According to SMC 10.16.030 exemptions include:

- Completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property.
- Vehicles on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler or licensed vehicle dealer and is fenced according to the provisions of RCW 46.80.130.

FILING A COMPLAINT

Fill Out a Complaint Form Available At:

- City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
- www.beautifyspokane.org
- www.spokaneneighborhoods.org
- Neighborhood COPS Shops

Submitting the Form

- By fax: (509) 625.6802
- At your local COPS Shop
- By Mail: Code Enforcement, 6th floor Municipal Building, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201-3333
- Online: www.beautifyspokane.org
- Remember: **FORMS MUST BE SIGNED**-anonymous complaints not accepted, non-disclosure is available.

Complaint Process

1. An officer will investigate the report to verify that the vehicle meets the criteria.
2. Notification will be given to the property owner that the vehicle is in violation of the Spokane Municipal Code.
3. The owner is given 14 days to remove the vehicle.

DID YOU RECEIVE A NOTICE OF VIOLATION?

- You can store the junk vehicle in a fully enclosed garage where it is not visible. Covering it with a tarp is NOT an approved storage method.
- If you can't store the vehicle you will need to remove the vehicle. Whether you put it in a storage unit, a friends garage, sell it or take it to a junkyard, it is up to you.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply may result in:

- Citations of \$513.00 a day
- Ordering the removal, at a cost to you.



Police Matters

If the junk vehicle is in the street, curbside, or blocking an alley, you can call the Abandoned Vehicle division of the **Spokane Police Dept. at 625-4246**

If an existing vehicle is blocking an alley or you driveway can be reported to the police by calling **911**.

