

What happens when a violation is observed?

A Code Enforcement Officer will respond to a violation by contacting the property owner to explain the code and how to reach compliance. A written notice of violation will be sent to the property owner giving 15 days to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected, a second notice of violation will be sent to the property owner giving seven (7) days to correct the violation. The County Attorney will then be notified if the violation is not corrected and legal action will follow.

Penalty for Violation

The fine for any one uncorrected violation shall be a civil penalty of not more than \$100 for the initial summons and not more than \$250 for each additional summons. Each day during which the violation is found to have existed shall constitute a separate offense. No civil penalties shall exceed \$5000.

How Do I Report A Violation?

If you are aware of a violation of the inoperative vehicle ordinance, please call the Community Development Department at (540) 967-3430. When you call to report a problem, you will be required to give your name and telephone number. This information is kept confidential and will be used when County staff requires additional information to investigate the case or to update complainants of the status of their concerns.



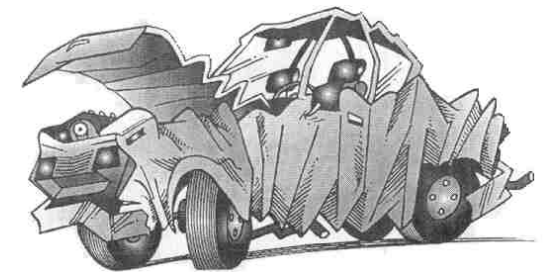
For more information contact:

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COUNTY OF LOUISA, VIRGINIA



INOPERATIVE VEHICLE ORDINANCE



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Community Development Department

The Department works with the citizens of the County to gain voluntary compliance with County codes to provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable place in which to live and work.



Purpose of Brochure

This brochure is intended to educate the citizens of Louisa County on the laws that govern the parking of inoperative vehicles on private property. It is also intended to help citizens understand the procedure for implementing the law.

Louisa County Code Definition

Section 74-85 of the Louisa County Code defines an inoperative vehicle as any motor vehicle which:

1. Is not in operating condition;
2. Or, for a period of six months or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by removal of parts essential for the operation of the vehicle.

Inoperative Vehicle Ordinance

It shall be unlawful to store inoperative vehicles on any property zoned agricultural, residential, or commercial unless the vehicle is within a fully enclosed building or structure, or otherwise not visible from the public right-of-way. Up to three inoperative vehicles, which are not within an enclosed building or structure, may be stored on a property providing they are shielded or screened from the public right-of-way.

Restoration of an Antique Vehicle

An antique motor vehicle means every motor vehicle, which is 25 years or older prior to January 1 of each calendar year and is owned solely as a collector's item by the collector. If the owner of an antique vehicle can demonstrate active restoration or repair of the vehicle, the vehicle may remain on the property in addition to three other inoperative vehicles so long as they are all shielded or screened from the public right-of-way.



Note: This Ordinance does not apply to any vehicle repair or recycling business.

