

SECTION 606
JUNK & JUNK VEHICLES

606.100: PURPOSE: The Council finds that Junk and Junk Vehicles are an increasing problem in the City. The Council finds that quick removal of Junk and Junk Vehicles may assist in preventing encouragement of the deterioration of property and neighborhoods. The Council further finds that Junk and Junk Vehicles create a condition of blight which can result in the deterioration of property values and is inconsistent with the City's property maintenance goals and aesthetic standards. In addition, unless Junk and Junk Vehicles are removed, other properties soon become the places for the storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles. The Council hereby declares its intention to minimize and to quickly remove Junk and Junk Vehicles to limit the adverse impact on City properties and neighborhoods. Junk and Junk Vehicles are hereby declared to be public nuisances and public health and safety hazards for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.101, Subd. 1(c) and Section 429.021, Subd. 1(8).

606.200: DEFINITIONS: For purposes of this Section, the terms defined in this subsection shall have the following meaning ascribed to them.

Junk shall mean any old, used, or second-hand material of any kind, including used motor vehicle parts of any kind, machinery of any kind, and/or parts thereof, household furnishings or appliances, cloth, rugs, clothing, paper, rubbish, bottles, rubber, iron, or other metals, or articles which from its worn condition render it practically useless for the purpose for which it was made and which is commonly classed as junk.

Junk Vehicles shall mean any unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable motor vehicle including automobiles, motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, go-carts or any components or parts thereof.

606.300: UNLAWFUL CONDUCT REGARDING STORAGE OF JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES. It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain for keeping, storing, or piling, whether temporarily, irregularly, or continually any junk or junk vehicles on private property unless the same is housed within a lawfully erected building. This Section shall not apply to materials or vehicles stored on private property as part of a junk yard or salvage business permitted by City zoning regulations.

606.1000: PENALTIES. In enforcing the provisions of this Section, the Chief of Police, the Building Official, the Director of Planning, the City Manager, or their assistants shall have the power to issue citations for violations of this Section. In addition, any violation of this Section may be enjoined by the City Council through proper legal channels. This Section may be enforced through the civil or criminal process at the discretion of the City Council. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation who violates this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) for each offense. Each day a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.