

NORTH CAROLINA

City (Pop.)	Ordinance
Asheville (83,393)	<p>Sec. 10-28. - Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, certain words and terms are defined as herein indicated: Abandoned motor vehicle: An abandoned motor vehicle is one that: (1) Has been left upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; or (2) Is left on a public street or highway for longer than seven days; or (3) Is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than 24 hours; or (4) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two hours. Aesthetic junked motor vehicle: As defined in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 160A-303.2, a motor vehicle on public or private property that does not display a current license plate and that: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00. Junked motor vehicle: As defined in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 160A-303, the term junked motor vehicle is a vehicle that is an abandoned motor vehicle that also: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or (3) Is more than five years old and worth less than \$100.00; or (4) Does not display a current license plate. Motor vehicle or vehicle: All machines designed or intended to travel over land or water by self-propulsion or while attached to any self-propelled vehicle. Sec. 10-42. - Exceptions. (a) Nothing in this chapter pertaining to abandoned or junked motor vehicles shall apply to any motor vehicle that: (1) Is located in an enclosed building; or (2) Is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise; or (3) Is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner in the city. (b) Nothing in this chapter pertaining to aesthetic junked motor vehicles shall apply to any motor vehicle that: (1) Is located in a bona fide automobile graveyard or junkyard as defined in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 136-43; or (2) Is used on a regular basis for business or personal use.</p>
Cary (135,234)	<p>Sec. 34-206. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Abandoned motor vehicle shall mean a motor vehicle which: (1) Has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; or (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the town for longer than 24 hours without the consent of the town; or (3) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner or occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two hours; or (4) Is left on any public street or highway for longer than seven days without valid registration or license plate. Aesthetic nuisance vehicle shall mean a junked motor vehicle on public or private property that has been determined by authorized officials of the planning department to be so offensive to the sight as to damage the community, neighborhood or area appearance. In making the determination, the authorizing official must find that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such findings shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. Factors that may be considered are protection of property values, promotion of tourism, indirect protection of health and safety, preservation of the character and integrity of the community, or promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of area residents; provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any motor vehicle that is used on a regular basis for business or personal use, nor shall it apply to the removal or disposal of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "auto graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. 136-143. Junked motor vehicle shall mean a motor vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00. Sec. 34-207. Abandoned, nuisance and aesthetic nuisance vehicles unlawful; towing authorized; responsibility for costs. (a) Abandoned, nuisance and aesthetic nuisance vehicles unlawful. (1) It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle to abandon the motor vehicle on public property within the town's municipal boundaries for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle to appear to have been abandoned. (2) It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle or for the owner, lessee or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after it has been declared a nuisance vehicle. (3) It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle or for the owner, lessee or occupant of the real property upon which the vehicle is located to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after it has been declared an aesthetic nuisance vehicle.</p>
Chapel Hill (57,233)	<p>Sec. 11-26. - Junked, dilapidated vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit to remain on a lot owned, occupied or controlled by him, any exposed motor vehicle or part thereof in a junked or dilapidated condition for more than thirty (30) days after written notice by the town manager to remove same. Such notice shall not be given except upon a finding by the health department or the building inspector that such situation exists and constitutes or will be likely to constitute a health or safety hazard. Health or safety hazard as used herein shall include, but not be limited, to the accumulation of rubbish, underbrush, or weeds around said vehicle, the presence of snakes, rats or other similar animals, the accumulation of stagnant water therein so as to serve as a breeding ground for insects, or such physical conditions as may be likely to cause injury to persons coming in contact therewith. An owner of a vehicle towed under the provisions of this section may request a hearing as provided by law. In the event said junked or dilapidated vehicle or part thereof is not removed within said thirty (30) day period, the town manager shall have the authority to remove and dispose of same.</p>

Charlotte (731,424)

Sec. 10-275. - Junked motor vehicles. (a) *Purpose.* G.S. 160A-303.2 authorizes the city to regulate and to prohibit junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property. Pursuant to that authority, the city council finds that such regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance the: (1) Quality of urban attractiveness and the aesthetic appearance of the city. (2) Protection of property values throughout the city. (3) Preservation of the livability and the attractiveness of neighborhoods. (4) Promotion of tourism, conventions and other opportunities for economic development for the city. (5) Attractiveness of the city's thoroughfares and commercial roads which present the primary, public visibility to visitors and to passersby of the city. (6) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of the occupants of property in the vicinity of junked motor vehicles. (b) *Determination.* A junk motor vehicle is defined in section 10-272. In determining whether a vehicle constitutes a junked motor vehicle, a neighborhood development division officer, in applying the specific criteria in the definition of the term "junked motor vehicle," shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, whether the vehicle has a valid inspection decal as evidence of the stationary character of the vehicle, whether the tires, wheels and other essential parts of the vehicle are present for the operation of the vehicle, flat tires, removed parts, the condition of the exterior or any other specific evidence that would support a finding that the vehicle violates this section. If such a determination is made, then the inspector shall state that basis in writing. (c) *Unlawful acts.* (1) It shall be unlawful to have more than one junked motor vehicle on the premises of public or private property; and that single, permitted junked motor vehicle must strictly comply with the locational and concealment requirements of this section. (2) It shall be unlawful for anyone to fail to comply with the locational requirements or the concealment requirements of this section. (d) *Permitted concealment or enclosures.* (1) *One junked motor vehicle.* One junked motor vehicle in its entirety can be located in the rear yard, as defined by the city's zoning ordinance (appendix A to this Code), if the junked motor vehicle is entirely concealed by an acceptable canvas covering. The neighborhood development code enforcement division has the authority to determine whether any junked motor vehicle is adequately concealed as required by this subsection (d)(1). A canvas covering must remain in good repair and must not be allowed to deteriorate. The canvas covering or enclosure must be compatible with the objectives stated in subsections (a)(1) through (a)(6) of this section. (2) *More than one junked motor vehicle.* Any other junked motor vehicle must be kept in a garage or building structure that provides a complete enclosure so that the junked motor vehicle cannot be seen from a public street or abutting property. The term "garage or building structure" means either a lawful, nonconforming use or a garage or building structure erected pursuant to the lawful issuance of a building permit and has been constructed in accordance with all zoning and building code regulations.

Concord (79,066)

Sec. 30-71. - Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Abandoned vehicle means as authorized and defined in G.S. 160A-303 and is a vehicle that: (1) Is left upon a public street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; (2) Is left on a public street or highway for longer than seven days; (3) Is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than 24 hours; or (4) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee of such property for longer than two hours. Junked motor vehicle means as authorized and defined in G.S. 160A-303.2 and means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$500.00. **Sec. 30-75. - Junked motor vehicle regulated; removal authorized.** (a) It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to the possession of a junked motor vehicle, or for the owner, lessee or occupant of the real property upon which a junked motor vehicle is located, to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after the vehicle has been ordered removed. (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner, person entitled to the possession of a junked motor vehicle, or for the owner, lessee or occupant of the real property upon which a junked motor vehicle is located, to fail to comply with the concealment requirements of this section. (c) Subject to the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of this section, after investigation, the code enforcement officer may order the removal of a junked motor vehicle after finding in writing that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such finding shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. The following, among other relevant factors, may be considered: (1) Protection of property values; (2) Promotion of tourism and other economic development opportunities; (3) Indirect protection of public health and safety; (4) Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; (5) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of area residents. (d) Any junked motor vehicles must be kept in a garage or accessory building structure that provides a complete enclosure so that the junked motor vehicle cannot be seen from a public street or abutting property. A garage or accessory structure means a lawful, nonconforming use or a garage or accessory structure erected pursuant to the lawful issuance of a building permit and which has been constructed in accordance with all zoning and building code regulations. The code enforcement officer has the authority to determine whether any junked motor vehicle is adequately concealed as required by this subsection. (e) Motor vehicles that are used on a regular basis for business or personal use are exempt from removal and disposal as junk vehicles.

Durham (228,330)	<p>Sec. 26-146. - Definitions. For the purpose of this division the following terms, phrases and words shall apply: Abandoned motor vehicle means a motor vehicle that: (1) Is left on any public street or highway for longer than seven days; (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than 24 hours; or (3) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee thereof for longer than two hours. Junked motor vehicle means a vehicle that does not display a current and valid license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner which it originally was intended to move; or (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than \$100.00. Sec. 26-149. - Junked motor vehicles. (a) <i>Purpose.</i> G.S. 160A-303.2 authorizes the city to regulate and to prohibit junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property. Pursuant to that authority, the city council finds that such regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance the: (1) Quality of urban attractiveness and the aesthetic appearance of the city; (2) Protection of property values throughout the city; (3) Preservation of the livability and the attractiveness of neighborhoods; (4) Promotion of tourism, conventions and other opportunities for economic development for the city; (5) Attractiveness of the city's thoroughfares and commercial roads which present the primary, public visibility to visitors and to passersby of the city; and (6) Promotion of the comfort, happiness and emotional stability of the occupants of property in the vicinity of junked motor vehicles. (b) <i>Valid inspection decal as evidence of stationary character.</i> In determining whether a vehicle constitutes a junked motor vehicle, the housing code administrator, in applying the specific criteria in the definition of a junked motor vehicle shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, whether the vehicle has a valid inspection decal as evidence of the stationary character of the vehicle, whether the tires, wheels and other essential parts of the vehicle are present for the operation of the vehicle, flat tires, removed parts, the condition of the exterior or any other specific evidence that would support a finding that the vehicle violates this section. If such a determination is made, then the housing code administrator shall state that determination in writing. (c) <i>Prohibited to leave or allow vehicle to remain on property.</i> It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or person entitled to the possession of a junked motor vehicle or for the owner, lessee, or occupant of the real property upon which a junked motor vehicle is located to leave or allow the vehicle to remain on the property after the vehicle has been ordered removed. (d) <i>Required finding; order to remove.</i> Upon investigation, the housing code administrator may order the removal of a junked motor vehicle as defined in this division from private property after finding in writing that the aesthetic benefits of removing the vehicle outweigh the burdens imposed on the private property owner. Such finding shall be based on a balancing of the monetary loss of the apparent owner against the corresponding gain to the public by promoting or enhancing community, neighborhood or area appearance. The following, among other relevant factors, may be considered by the housing code administrator: (1) Protection of property values; (2) Promotion of tourism and other economic development opportunity; (3) Indirect protection of public health and safety; (4) Preservation of the character and integrity of the community; and (5) Promotion of the comfort, happiness, and emotional stability of area residents.</p>
Fayetteville (200,564)	<p>Sec. 16-365. - Exceptions. This article shall not apply to any vehicle: (a) Which is located in a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. 136-143, in accordance with the "Junkyard Control Act" G.S. 136-141 et seq.; (b) Which is in an enclosed building; (c) Which is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise and if the vehicle is stored on the property in such a manner that it is screened from view by a fence or vegetation screen; (d) Which is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city; or (e) Which is used on a regular basis for business or personal use.</p>
Gastonia (71,341)	<p>Sec. 11-163. - Exceptions. (a) Nothing in this article shall apply to any vehicle: (1) Which is located in a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. 136-143, in accordance with the "Junkyard Control Act," G.S. 136-141 et seq.; or (2) Which is in an enclosed building; or (3) Which is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise; or (4) Which is used regularly for personal use; or (5) Which is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city or private towing operator contracting with the city for removal of vehicles. (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "lawful place and manner" shall include, but not be limited to, strict compliance with the city's zoning ordinance. "A vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise" shall mean, but not be limited to, the clear, active use or involvement of the vehicle in the operation of the business enterprise. Mere storage or idle standing of a vehicle does not constitute "a vehicle necessary to the operation of the business."</p>
Greensboro (269,666)	<p>Sec. 17-52. - Exemptions. This article does not apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.</p>

<p>High Point (115,000)</p>	<p>Sec. 9-11-161 - Definitions. (a) <i>Abandoned motor vehicle.</i> A motor vehicle shall be deemed to be abandoned for the purposes of this article if: (1) It has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; (2) It is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than 24 hours; (3) It is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two (2) hours; or (4) It is left on any public street or highway in the city for longer than seven (7) days. (b) <i>Junk motor vehicle.</i> A motor vehicle shall be deemed to be a junk motor vehicle if it is an abandoned motor vehicle and also: (1) It is partially dismantled or wrecked; (2) It cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; (3) It is more than five (5) years old and worth less than \$100.00; or (4) It does not display a current license plate. (c) <i>Vehicles constituting health, fire or safety hazards, defined.</i> A motor vehicle may be declared a health, fire or safety hazard when it is found to be: (1) Partially dismantled or wrecked creating danger from exposed surfaces of metal, glass or other rigid materials; or (2) Missing wheels; or (3) A vehicle that is jacked up or so located that there is a danger of the vehicle falling or turning over; or (4) A point of heavy growth of grass, weeds, or other noxious vegetation; or (5) Windows that are cracked, shattered or missing; or (6) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes or other insects, snakes, rats or other pests; or (7) A concentration of gasoline, or other flammable or explosive materials; or (8) A point of collection for pools or ponds of water; or (9) A source of danger for children through entrapment in areas of confinement that cannot be opened from the inside. (d) <i>Exclusion.</i> Nothing in this article shall be construed to apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner and the vehicle being necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, or to a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.</p>
<p>Jacksonville (70,145)</p>	<p>Sec. 13-41. - Statutory definitions. For the purposes of this article, pursuant to G.S. 160A-303 and 160A-303.2, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them: Abandoned motor vehicle. A vehicle which: (1) Has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance prohibiting parking; or (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the city for longer than twenty-four (24) hours; or (3) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two (2) hours; or (4) Is left on any public street or highway for longer than seven (7) days. Junked motor vehicle. A motor vehicle that does not display a current license plate and that: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or (3) Is more than five (5) years old and appears to be worth less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Sec. 13-53. - Junked motor vehicles prohibited. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-193, G.S. 160A-303, and G.S. 160A-303.2, no person shall leave or allow to remain any junked motor vehicle in as defined under the provisions of this section on property under his/her control in such a manner that it is totally visible from any street and/or any adjacent property within the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. Any vehicle meeting the definition of a junked motor vehicle found to be in violation of this article shall be stored, parked, or placed on the property in such a manner so as to be totally screened from view from any street and/or from any adjacent property, or shall be removed from private property with or without the written consent of the property owner (per G.S. 160A-303.2). Total screening shall constitute the placement of the vehicle(s) either within a building or and area behind a building screened from any adjacent property, by plant materials, fences, berms, or a combination thereof, with a minimum height of six (6) feet. [...] Sec. 13-57. - Exceptions. Nothing in the provisions of this article shall apply to any vehicle: (1) Located in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city; (2) Currently awaiting repairs; or (3) Kept or stored at a bona fide automobile graveyard or junkyard as defined in G.S. 136-143.</p>
<p>Raleigh (403,892)</p>	<p>Sec. 12-7013. - EXCEPTIONS. Nothing in this chapter shall apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the City .</p>
<p>Rocky Mount (57,477)</p>	<p>Sec. 10-190. - Exceptions. (a) This division shall not apply to any vehicle: (1) Which is located in a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. § 136-143, in accordance with the "Junkyard Control Act," G.S. § 136-141 et seq.; (2) Which is in an enclosed building; (3) Which is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise and if the vehicle is stored on the property in such a manner that it is screened from view by a fence or vegetation screen; (4) Which is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city; or (5) Which is used on a regular basis for business or personal use. (b) This division shall not apply to classic motor vehicles as defined in section 10-177, provided the following conditions are complied with: (1) The vehicle owner possesses a valid exemption permit issued by the enforcement officer. The permit shall be issued for a six-month period and may be renewed every six (6) months providing restoration progress continues to be carried on. The total permit period shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months. (2) The vehicle shall be on property owned by or occupied by the vehicle owner. (3) The area around and under the vehicle shall be kept free of weeds, trash and other debris.</p>

<p>Wilmington (106,476)</p>	<p>Sec. 5-116.4. - Exceptions. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall apply to any vehicle: (1) which is located in a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in N.C.G.S. 136-143, in accordance with the "Junkyard Control Act", N.C.G.S. 136-141, et seq.; (2) which is in an enclosed building; (3) which is on the premises of a business enterprise being operated in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise; (4) which is in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city; or (5) which is used on a regular basis for business or personal use. (b) For the purposes of this section, the terms "lawful place and manner" shall include, but not be limited to, strict compliance with the city's zoning ordinance. "A vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise" shall mean, but not be limited to, the clear, active use or involvement of the vehicle in the operation of the business enterprise. Mere storage or idle standing of a vehicle does not constitute "a vehicle necessary to the operation of the business."</p>
<p>Winston-Salem (229,617)</p>	<p>Sec. 42-341. - Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Abandoned motor vehicle means a vehicle that: (1) Has been left upon a street or highway in violation of a law or ordinance that regulates or prohibits parking, or that requires the display of a valid license plate or registration sticker; or (2) Is left on property owned or operated by the city longer than 24 hours; or (3) Is left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant or lessee thereof for longer than two hours; or (4) Is left on any street or highway for longer than seven days or on U.S. Highway 52, Interstate Highway 40, Business Interstate Highway 40, Peters Creek Parkway, Silas Creek Parkway; or U.S. Highway 421 within the corporate limits of the city, for longer than 48 hours; or (5) Is determined by law enforcement to be a hazard to the motoring public. Health hazard vehicle means an abandoned or junked vehicle found to be: (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, insects, snakes, or pests or being used for storage in a manner which may attract such pests; or (2) A point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation over eight inches in height; or (3) A point of collection for pools or ponds of water; or (4) A source of danger for children from exposed surfaces of metal, glass or other rigid materials. Junked motor vehicle means an abandoned motor vehicle that also: (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; (2) Cannot be self propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; (3) Is more than five years old and worth less than \$500.00; or (4) Does not display a current license plate. Sec. 42-348. - Exceptions. The provisions of this article for the removal of abandoned, junked, or health or safety hazard motor vehicles shall not apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or any vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise being operating in a lawful place and manner if the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the enterprise, or to any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.</p>