

## VIRGINIA

City (Pop.)	Ordinance
Alexandria (139,966)	<p><b>Sec. 5-8-63 - Unlawful to keep; exceptions.</b> It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep on any private property in the city, except property zoned for industrial purposes, an inoperable motor vehicle, unless it is located within a fully enclosed building or structure or is otherwise shielded or screened from view. It shall also be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep on any private property in the city, except property zoned for industrial purposes, more than one inoperable motor vehicle, located outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, which is shielded or screened from view. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, if the owner of such vehicle can demonstrate that he is actively restoring or repairing such vehicle and if it is shielded or screened from view, such vehicle and one additional inoperative motor vehicle that is shielded or screened from view being used for the restoration or repair may remain on the property. However, the provisions of this article shall not apply to a licensed business which is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor. Nor shall the provisions of this article apply to any antique motor vehicle, as defined in section 46.2-100, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, so long as a bona fide effort is being made to repair or restore the vehicle and it is shielded in a manner to protect it from the weather and to make it unsuitable for rodent harborage. (Ord. No. 3656, 9/18/93, Sec. 2; Ord. No. 4059, 6/12/99, Sec. 3; Ord. No. 4404, 6/21/05, Sec. 2)</p>
Charlottesville (43,475)	<p><b>Sec. 5-150. - Open storage of inoperable vehicles.</b> (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential (R-1., R-1U, R-1S, R-1SU, R-2, R-2U, R-3, University Medium Density, University High Density, or McIntire 5th Residential) purposes, commercial (B-1, B-2, B-3 or Emmet Street Commercial) purposes, Overlay Districts (Public Park Protection Overlay, Historic Districts, Entrance Corridors, Parking Exempt Zone Boundary, Planned Unit Development or Special Use Permit), or Mixed Use (Downtown Corridor, Downtown Extended Corridor, Downtown North Corridor, West Main North Corridor, West Main South Corridor, Central City corridor, Urban Corridor, High Street Corridor, Highway Corridor, Neighborhood Commercial Corridor, or Cherry Avenue Corridor) purposes any inoperable motor vehicle. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business which, on June 26, 1970, was regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor. (1) As used in this section "inoperable motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer (as defined within Virginia Code § 46.2-100) which: (i) is not in operating condition (including, without limitation any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which for a period of sixty (60) days or longer, has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires or wheels, the engine, or other essential parts required for operation); (ii) does not display a valid license plate; (iii) does not display a valid inspection decal; or (iv) displays an inspection decal that has been expired for more than sixty (60) days. (2) As used in this section, "otherwise shielded or screened from view" shall mean, on property zoned for residential purposes, not visible to the unaided eye from anywhere below the level of the third story of a building outside the boundaries of the lot on which the vehicle is kept; on property zoned for business purposes, "otherwise shielded or screened from view" shall mean not visible to the unaided eye from street or ground level outside the boundaries of the lot on which the vehicle is kept. (b) No person shall keep more than one (1) inoperable motor vehicle outside of a fully enclosed building or structure. The one (1) vehicle allowed outside of a fully enclosed building or structure shall still be subject to the requirement of being shielded or screened from view.</p>
Chesapeake (222,209)	<p><b>Sec. 74-278. - Inoperable and inoperative motor vehicles on residential, commercial or agricultural property.</b> (a) No person shall keep, or permit the keeping of, an inoperable or inoperative motor vehicle on private property zoned or used for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes, unless such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer is: (1) Stored in a fully enclosed building or structure, or (2) Fully shielded or screened from view. As used herein, a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer shall be deemed shielded or screened from view if not visible by someone standing at the ground level from outside the property on which the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer is located. No more than one inoperable or inoperative motor vehicle shielded from view by a cover shall be stored on the same parcel of property.</p>

<p>Danville (43.055)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 21-143. - Open storage of inoperative vehicles.</b> (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully-enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from public view, on any property zoned for residential, commercial, or agricultural purposes, any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, as such are defined in section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, which is inoperative unless an inoperative vehicle decal has been purchased and is affixed to the inside of the vehicles windshield or prominent place. (b) For the purposes of this section, an "inoperative motor vehicle" is any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or portion thereof, which is not in operating condition or on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. (c) The owners of real property zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes shall remove or cause to be removed there from any inoperative motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is not kept within a fully enclosed building or structure. Those vehicles otherwise shielded or screened from public view by a solid, rigid, or opaque fence shall be no more than two (2); however, the limit to the number of inoperative motor vehicles which any person may keep outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, but which are shielded or screened from view by covers, shall be zero (0). (d) The City may, in the manner provided by this article remove and dispose of any inoperative motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer found in violation of this section, whenever the owner of the real property upon which the same is located has failed, after notice, to do so. The cost of any such removal and disposal by the City shall be chargeable to the owner of the vehicle or filed as a lien against the real or personal property of the owner of the premises where the inoperative motor vehicle is cited and, if not otherwise recovered, may be collected by the City as taxes and levies are collected and shall have the same effect as a tax lien on the owner's property. (e) Every cost authorized by this section with which the owner of the real property has been assessed shall constitute a lien against the real property from which the vehicle was removed, the lien to continue until actual payment of such costs has been made to the City. (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business, which, on June 26, 1970, was regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.</p>
<p>Harrisonburg (48,914)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 10-3-90. - Uses permitted by right.</b> (7) Repair of vehicles, recreation equipment, or trailers with all activities and storage of inoperable vehicles completely enclosed within a permitted structure. Vehicle excludes over the road tractors, their trailers, heavy equipment, manufactured homes, industrialized buildings, and agricultural equipment.</p>

<p>Leesburg (42,616)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 32-147. - Parking or storing inoperative vehicles on property located within the town.</b> (a) <i>Definitions.</i> The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: <i>Inoperable motor vehicle</i> means any motor vehicle which: (1) Is not in operating condition; (2) For 60 or more days has been partially or totally disassembled, as evidenced by the removal of its wheels and tires, its engine, or one or more other components required for the operation of the vehicle; (3) Does not display a valid state license plates; or (4) Does not display a valid state inspection decal. <i>Motor vehicle</i> or <i>vehicle</i> means any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or any part thereof, as defined in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100. <i>Shielded or screened from view</i> means that the vehicle, whether covered or uncovered, is not visible by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located. (b) <i>Declared nuisance.</i> The keeping by any person, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, of any inoperable motor vehicle on any private property in the town is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare, and is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance. (c) <i>Unlawful to keep; exceptions.</i> It shall be unlawful for any person to keep on any private property in the town, an inoperable motor vehicle, unless it is located within a fully enclosed building or structure or is otherwise shielded or screened from view. It shall also be unlawful for any person to keep on any private property in the town, more than one inoperable motor vehicle, located outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, which is shielded or screened from view. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, if the owner of such vehicle can demonstrate that he is actively restoring or repairing such vehicle and if it is shielded or screened from view, such vehicle and one additional inoperative motor vehicle that is shielded or screened from view being used for the restoration or repair may remain on the property. However, the provisions of this article shall not apply to a licensed business which is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor. Nor shall the provisions of this article apply to any antique motor vehicle, as defined in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100, so long as a bona fide effort is being made to repair or restore the vehicle and it is shielded in a manner to protect it from the weather and to make it unsuitable for rodent harborage.</p>
<p>Manassas (37,821)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 78-134. - Keeping inoperable motor vehicles.</b> (a) <i>Restrictions.</i> It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes, any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, as such are defined in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-100, which is inoperable. In addition, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than one inoperable motor vehicle outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, but which is shielded or screened from view by covers. As used in this section, the term "inoperable motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition; or which for a period of 60 days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine, or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle or on which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business which on June 26, 1970, is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor.</p>
<p>Newport News (180,719)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 13-186. - Inoperative vehicles prohibited.</b> (a) It shall be unlawful for any person responsible for real property within the city to keep, or permit to be kept, except within a fully enclosed building or structure, any vehicle which is inoperative. (b) The provisions of this section are subject to the following: (1) The section shall not apply to a business licensed through the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles as a salvage dealer, demolisher, rebuilder, salvage pool or vehicle removal operator. (2) The section shall not apply to a licensed towing service providing temporary storage of inoperative vehicles for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days when vehicles are being stored pending settlement of insurance claims. Vehicles stored by such towing services shall be shielded or screened from public view.</p>

<p>Norfolk (242,803)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 17-27. Storage of unlicensed, inoperable, wrecked or junked vehicles.</b> It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to allow any inoperable, wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled vehicle to remain on such property longer than thirty (30) days. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to allow any motor vehicle or trailer which has been unregistered for more than thirty (30) days to remain on such property. This section shall not apply to a vehicle in an enclosed building, a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner, when necessary to the lawful operation of such business enterprise, or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner. Sec. 17-30. Abandoned vehicle defined. A motor vehicle shall be deemed to be an abandoned vehicle if left unattended: (1) With no number plates affixed thereto, for more than six (6) hours on any public property; (2) For more than twenty-four (24) hours on any public property, except a portion thereof on which parking is legally permitted; (3) For more than forty-eight (48) hours, after the parking of such vehicle shall have become illegal, if left on a portion of public property on which parking is legally permitted; or (4) For more than seven (7) days on private property if left initially without permission of the owner, or after permission of the owner shall be terminated. For purposes of this section public property shall mean any public right-of-way, street, highway, alley, park, or other state, county or municipally-owned property; and private property shall mean any privately-owned property which is not included within the definition of public property.</p>
<p>Portsmouth (93,535)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 23-46. - Prohibition against open storage on certain property.</b> (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned or used for residential purposes, or on any property zoned for commercial or agricultural purposes, any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer: (1) Which is not in operating condition; (2) Which has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle; or (3) Which lacks either a current license plate or a current state inspection decal. (b) For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply: (1) Property zoned for residential purposes. Property zoned for residential uses under chapter 40 of this Code. (2) Property zoned for commercial purposes. Property zoned for nonresidential uses under chapter 40 of this Code. (3) The term fully enclosed building or structure shall not include a tent or other shelter with cloth of fabric covering the exterior of an air supported structure. (4) The term "shielded or screened from view" shall mean: a. The covering of the vehicle with a fitted car cover; or b. The placing of the vehicle behind a privacy fence of sufficient height to shield the vehicle from the view of a person standing at ground level from the outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located; or c. The placing of the vehicle behind a solid vegetated hedge of sufficient height or density to shield the vehicle from the view of a person standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located. (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, no more than one inoperable motor vehicle may be kept on any property outside of a fully enclosed building or structure. (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a licensed business that is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor. Additionally, no automobile repair facility in any zoning district may store outside of a fully enclosed building or structure, any inoperable motor vehicle that is not undergoing active repair with a valid service write-up providing the name of the customer, type of service to be performed, and the anticipated date of completion. If the anticipated date of completion has passed, the owner or operator of the facility shall document on the work order or produce other documentation of the expected date of completion and the reasons for the delay. (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the owner of an inoperable motor vehicle can demonstrate that he is actively restoring or repairing the vehicle, and if the vehicle is shielded or screened from view, the vehicle and one additional vehicle that is being used for the restoration and repair may remain on the property, provided that the additional vehicle is similarly shielded or screened from view. The term "active restoration and repair" shall mean that: (1) The owner has established a reasonable, written timetable for the repair of the vehicle; (2) The owner has the necessary parts on hand or on documented order; and (3) The owner has a fully enclosed building or structure where all major repairs will take place.</p>

<p>Richmond (204,214)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 102-362. - Offenses relating to motor vehicles on private property.</b> (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep an inoperable motor vehicle on any property zoned for residential or commercial or agricultural purposes, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view. (b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or part of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is in violation of this section.</p>
<p>Roanoke (97,032)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 20-126. - Restriction on keeping of inoperable motor vehicles.</b> (a) No person shall keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned or used for residential purposes, or on any property zoned for commercial or agricultural purposes, any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is inoperable; however, one (1) such vehicle may be kept outside a fully enclosed building or structure, provided that it is shielded or screened from view. (b) The provision of this article shall not apply to a licensed business which is regularly engaged in business as an automobile dealer, salvage dealer or scrap processor. (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, if the owner of an inoperable motor vehicle can demonstrate that the owner is actively restoring or repairing the vehicle, and if it is shielded or screened from view, the vehicle and one (1) additional inoperable motor vehicle which is also shielded or screened from view and which is being used for the restoration or repair may remain on the property.</p>
<p>Suffolk (84,585)</p>	<p><b>Sec. 34-242. - Keeping of inoperative vehicles.</b> (a) Except as provided in Code of Virginia, § 46.2-734, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property in the city zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes any motor vehicle that is inoperative; however, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any licensed business that on June 26, 1970, was regularly engaged in business as a salvage dealer or scrap processor; nor to any licensed business that is regularly and legally engaged in the automobile dealer or automobile repair business; and provided further that: (1) The keeping of more than one inoperative motor vehicle which is shielded or screened from view only by a cover shall not be permitted at any one site; and (2) The keeping at any one site for more than 180 days of a particular motor vehicle in an inoperative condition and shielded or screened from view only by a cover shall not be permitted. (b) Whenever any inoperative motor vehicle is determined by the city manager or any other city official or employee designated by him to enforce this division to be in violation of this division, the owner of the property shall remove it from the property or to a fully enclosed building or structure within ten days after receiving written notice from the city. Upon failure of the owner of such property to comply with such notice, the designated city officer or employee may remove, or have removed by the city's agents, contractors or employees, the inoperative motor vehicle, which may be disposed of, after notice to the owner of the premises and to the owner of the vehicle, and any registered lienholders, if different, in the same manner as provided in section 34-263. The cost of any such removal and disposal shall be charged to the owner of the premises or the owner of the vehicle and shall be collected by the city treasurer in the same manner as taxes and other local levies are collected. Every such cost with which the owner of the premises has been assessed shall constitute a lien against the property from which the vehicle was removed.</p>

Virginia Beach (437,994)	<p><b>Sec. 16-40. - Open storage of inoperable vehicles on residential, commercial or agricultural property.</b></p> <p>(a) It shall be unlawful whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, for any person, firm or corporation to keep, except within a fully enclosed building or structure or otherwise shielded or screened from view, on any property zoned for residential, commercial or agricultural purposes, any vehicle, which is inoperable. As used in this Section, notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, general or special, "shielded or screened from view" means not visible by someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the subject vehicle is located. The placing, draping or securing of a tarpaulin or other nonrigid cover, over and around an inoperable vehicle shall not be sufficient to comply with the requirements of this section. (b) As used in this Section, an "inoperable vehicle," shall mean any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, as defined in Code of Virginia, section 46.2-100: (1) Which is not in operating condition; or (2) Which for a period of sixty (60) days or longer has been partially or totally disassembled by the removal of tires and wheels, the engine or other essential parts required for operation of the vehicle; or (3) On which there are displayed neither valid license plates nor a valid inspection decal. (c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be given a notice that the keeping of such inoperable vehicle constitutes a violation which must be abated within seven (7) days from the date of such notice. The notice shall (1) reasonably describe the subject inoperable vehicle; (2) state that any owner of such inoperable vehicle or any owner of property upon which such inoperable vehicle is located may appeal the decision that the vehicle is in violation of this section by a written notice of appeal with the code enforcement administrator of the department of housing and neighborhood preservation within seven (7) days from the date of the notice; (3) state that failure to comply with the requirements of this Section may result in the removal and disposal of the vehicle ; (4) state that such removal and disposal shall be at the expense of the owner of such inoperable vehicle or the owner of the property upon which such vehicle is located; and (5) state that an administrative fee in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such inoperable vehicle or the owner of the property upon which such vehicle is located and may be collected as taxes and levies are collected.</p>
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