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City (Pop.)	Ordinance
Ames (58,965)	<p>Sec. 30.2. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings set forth: (1) "Enclosed structure" means any structure or portion thereof built for the enclosure of property, containing a roof and having exterior walls of the structure or portion thereof constructed in such a manner as to obscure from any street or adjacent property and contents thereof and being of a permanent nature. (2) "Junked" means any vehicle, trailer or semitrailer stored for 48 hours within the corporate limits of Ames, Iowa, whether currently licensed or not, which because of any one of the following characteristics constitutes a threat to the public health, welfare, and/or safety; (a) Any vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which is rendered inoperable because of a missing or broken windshield or window glass, fender, door, bumper, hood, steering wheel, driver's seat, trunk, fuel tank, two or more wheels, engine, drive shaft, differential, battery, generator or alternator or other component part of an electrical system, or any component or structural part; (b) Any vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which has become the habitat of rats, mice, snakes or any other vermin or insects; (c) Any vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which contains stored gasoline or other fuel, paper, cardboard, wood or other combustible materials, garbage, refuse, solid waste, debris, etc.; (d) Any vehicle, trailer or semitrailer used for storage purposes or harborage, cage or dwelling for animals of any kind; (e) Any other vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which because of its defective or obsolete condition in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health or safety of the citizens of Ames, Iowa; (f) Any vehicle which contains gasoline or any flammable fuel and is inoperable. Sec. 30.10. OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES. In as much as it is found that the storage of motor vehicles, which are not deemed to be junked, out of doors can detract from the beneficial use and enjoyment of neighboring properties, certain special regulations are established as follows: (1) No person shall keep, store or display one or more motor vehicles out of doors on property zoned for residential use, or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on residentially zoned property under their ownership, possession or control for more than fifteen (15) days without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle. (2) No person shall store or display one or more motor vehicles out of doors on property zoned for commercial use, or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on commercially zoned property under their ownership, possession or control for more than one year without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle. (3) The provision of subsection (2) notwithstanding the keeping, parking or storage, out of doors, of any wrecked or demolished motor vehicle, or motor vehicle stripped for parts, at the same commercially zoned site for more than one hundred eighty days is prohibited. (4) The following shall be exempt from the regulations of this section: (a) vehicles kept in a garage or other enclosed structure or which are kept concealed and enclosed behind an opaque wall at least six feet in height, or completely covered by a tight fitting opaque cloth vehicle cover or tight fitting cloth tarpaulin. (b) vehicles kept in commercial automobile salvage yards lawfully established and existing prior to January 1, 1982. (c) A "motor home", pickup truck with camper top, converted bus or van, or similar recreational vehicle, which is currently licensed for operation on the public highways. (d) a motor vehicle currently licensed for operation on the public highways and lawfully parked off the streets while the owner or other person in lawful possession and control thereof, if a resident of this city, is out of the city for more than fifteen (15) days but not more than one hundred eighty days. (e) Vehicles which are immobilized pursuant to an immobilization order of the District Court.</p>
Cedar Falls (39,260)	<p>Sec. 18-38. - Exceptions to article. This article shall not apply to the following: (1) A vehicle in an enclosed building. (2) A vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a district properly zoned therefor, as authorized under the zoning ordinance of the city, when necessary to the operation of the business enterprise. (3) A vehicle in an appropriate storage space or depository maintained in a lawful place and lawful manner by the city.</p>
Cedar Rapids (126,326)	<p>25.02 - PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and promote safety of property within the city by providing for the removal or junk vehicles and the elimination or the open storage of junk vehicles except in authorized places. 25.03 - DEFINITIONS. (1) "Junk Vehicle" shall mean any "vehicle" as defined by Section 321.1 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, which is located within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Rapids, which does not properly display plates or stickers indicating current registration as required under Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, and/or which has any one or more of the following characteristics: (A) Has been placed on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 24 hours; or (B) Lacks an engine or two or more wheels or other structural parts which renders the vehicle totally inoperable; or (C) Has a broken or cracked windshield, window, headlight or taillight, or any other cracked or broken glass; or (D) Has a broken or loose fender, door, bumper, hood, door handle, window handle, running board, steering wheel, trunk top, trunk handle, tail pipe or other structural or decorative piece; or (E) Has become the habitat of rats, mice, snakes, or any other vermin or insects; or (F) Which contains gasoline or any other flammable fuel; or (G) Which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health and safety. Exception: "Mobile home" as defined in Chapter 322B of the Code of Iowa, as amended, shall not be included in this definition of "junk vehicle." (2) "Nuisance" shall mean whatever is injurious to health, indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. 25.04 - JUNK VEHICLES A NUISANCE. Every junk vehicle located upon private property within the corporate limits of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens, is offensive to the senses, and is hereby declared a nuisance. Any junk vehicle located upon private property in violation hereof, wherein the owner of the vehicle is the owner or person in control of the property upon which it is located, shall be prima facie liable for creating and maintaining such nuisance. 25.05 - EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any junk vehicle located within a garage or other completely enclosed structure or upon any of the following premises as long as the garage, structure, or premises is not in violation of any provision of the Municipal Code of the City of Cedar Rapids: (1) Authorized vehicle recycler; or (2) Bona fide educational institution; or (3) Licensed motor vehicle dealer; or (4) Licensed travel trailer dealer; or (5) Motor vehicle franchiser; or (6) Salvage yard.</p>

<p>Council Bluffs (62,230)</p>	<p>4.15.030 - Exemptions. This chapter shall not apply to the following: (a) A vehicle or part thereof which is completely enclosed within a garage, shed, barn, hangar, boathouse or other similar permanent structure with walls and ceiling designed for the storage of vehicles in a lawful manner, and where the vehicle is not visible from the street or other public or private property; (b) A vehicle or part thereof which is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer, a junk dealer, an auto body shop, or when such storage or parking is necessary to the operation of a lawfully conducted business or commercial enterprise on land which such business or enterprise is authorized by the city's zoning regulations; or (c) A vehicle which was recently involved in a collision, duly documented by a timely report filed with the appropriate law enforcement agency or the state department of transportation, or its equivalent in a sister state, shall not be deemed a junk vehicle unless the owner/operator of said vehicle fails to repair the same within a reasonable period of time after said collision. (d) Nothing in this chapter shall authorize the maintenance of a public or a private nuisance as defined under provisions of law.</p>
<p>Des Moines (203,433)</p>	<p>Sec. 42-348. - Enumeration of nuisances subject to enforcement by administrative hearing procedure or civil action. The following are nuisances that may be prosecuted through the administrative hearing process or through civil action as set forth in this article: [...] (9) Any motor vehicle, trailer or boat that is unlicensed, unsafe or inoperable found upon public or private real estate, and the contents therein, which is not stored within an enclosed building. This article shall not apply to legitimate businesses operating in a lawful place and manner provided, however, that such outside areas are screened from public view and do not constitute a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.</p>
<p>Iowa City (67,862)</p>	<p>INOPERABLE/OBSOLETE VEHICLE: Any device in, upon or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and shall include, but not be limited to, motor vehicle, automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, wagon or any combination thereof, and not licensed for the current year as required by law and/or which exhibits any one of the following characteristics: A. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle with a broken windshield or any other broken glass. B. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle with a broken or loose fender, door, bumper, hood, wheel, steering wheel, trunk top or tailpipe. C. Any vehicle lacking an engine or one or more wheels or other structural parts which renders such vehicle totally inoperable. D. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle which is a habitat for rats, mice or snakes or any other vermin or insects. E. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, constitutes a threat to the public health and safety. F. Any vehicle that is not capable of moving in both forward and reverse gears. 6-1-2: PUBLIC NUISANCE DEFINED; PUBLIC NUISANCES ENUMERATED: Whatever is injurious to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by the public or community shall be deemed a "public nuisance". Public nuisances shall include, but not be limited to, the following: [...] O. Inoperable/Obsolete Vehicle: The storage, parking, leaving or permitting the storage, parking or leaving of an inoperable/obsolete vehicle upon private property within the city for a period in excess of forty eight (48) hours unless excepted herein. This subsection shall not apply to any vehicle enclosed within a building on private property or to any vehicle held in connection with a junkyard or auto and truck oriented use operated in accordance with the zoning laws of this code.</p>
<p>Sioux City (82,684)</p>	<p>Section 5.36.020 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined: 3. "Junked" motor vehicles shall mean any motor vehicles stored within the corporate limits of the city which because of any of the following characteristics constitutes a threat to the public health and safety: a. Any vehicle with a broken or cracked windshield, broken or cracked window, broken or cracked headlight, broken or cracked taillight, or any other cracked or broken glass; b. Any vehicle with a broken or loose fender, broken or loose door, broken or loose bumper, broken or loose hood, broken or loose hood ornament, broken door handle, broken window handle, broken or loose running board, broken steering wheel, broken or loose trunk top, broken trunk handle, broken or loose radio aerial, broken or loose tailpipe, or broken decorative piece; c. Any vehicle which has become the habitat of rats, mice, snakes, or other vermin or insects; d. Any vehicle which contains gasoline or any other flammable fuel; e. Any vehicle which because of its location, position or condition, or in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health and safety. 4. "Enclosed building" means any structure or portion thereof built for the enclosure of property containing a roof and having exterior walls of the structure or portion thereof constructed in such a manner as to obscure from any street or adjacent property the contents thereof. Section 5.36.060 Exceptions The terms and provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following situations: 1. Persons storing junked motor vehicles on premises duly licensed by the city as a salvage yard. 2. Persons engaged in the business of towing, temporarily storing and repairing junked motor vehicles, construction or heavy industrial machinery if the business is otherwise in full compliance with all other ordinances of the city and the laws of the state of Iowa. 3. Junked motor vehicles stored within an enclosed building. 4. Junked motor vehicles stored outside providing: a. The junked motor vehicle is covered with a commercial tarpaulin of canvas, nylon or similar fabric constructed especially for motor vehicles, sufficient in size to cover the entire vehicle except tires. b. Premises around the vehicle are kept free of debris and undergrowth. c. The motor vehicle does not become a harborage for rodents and vermin. d. The motor vehicle is not stored in the front yard or within the side yard set back requirements of the applicable zone. e. No more than one vehicle per 5000 square feet of lot area shall be permitted.</p>
<p>Waterloo (68,406)</p>	<p>4-4-7: JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES:[...] B. Nuisance Declared: Except as hereinafter provided, it is hereby declared that the unlawful storage of a junk motor vehicle upon either public or private property within the corporate limits of the city constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens and is a nuisance. If any junk motor vehicle is unlawfully stored upon private property in violation hereof, the owner of said vehicle and the owner of the property shall be liable for said violation. [...] G. Exceptions: The terms and provisions of this section shall not apply to: 1. Any person or any agent thereof that is duly licensed by the city, as a salvage yard operator in full compliance with all of the ordinances of the city, and the laws of the state. 2. Any junk motor vehicle that is stored within an enclosed building as defined in this section. 3. Businesses or operators of businesses engaged in the towing, repairing or storing of junk motor vehicles, motor vehicles, construction or heavy industrial equipment or machinery, if the business is otherwise in full compliance with all ordinances of the city and the laws of the state.</p>

West Des Moines (56,609)

4-4-7: JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES: A. Definitions: ENCLOSED BUILDING: Any structure or portion thereof built for the enclosure of property containing a roof and having exterior walls of the structure or portion thereof constructed in such a manner as to obscure from any street or adjacent property the contents thereof. JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE: Any unlicensed motor vehicle stored within the corporate limits of the city, and/or which has any of the following characteristics: 1. Any vehicle which has become the habitat of rats, mice, snakes or any other vermin or insects. 2. Any vehicle if it lacks an engine or one or more wheels or tires or other structural parts which render said motor vehicle totally inoperable or unable to move under its own power. 3. Any other vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, in any other way constitutes a threat to the public health or safety. UNLICENSED VEHICLE: Any vehicle which is required to be licensed if it is operated on a public street or highway, but which is not displaying a valid and current license. For the purposes of this chapter, a valid current license shall not be required of a vehicle that is stored in a fully enclosed structure. **4-4-2: NUISANCES DECLARED:** Whatever is injurious to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, is a nuisance. Nuisances shall include, but not be limited to, those activities and items hereafter set forth in this section: F. Inoperable/Obsolete Vehicles: The storage, parking, leaving, or permitting the storage, parking, or leaving of an inoperable/obsolete vehicle upon private property within the city. This subsection shall not apply to any vehicle enclosed within a building on private property or to any vehicle held in connection with a junkyard, or auto and truck oriented use operated in the appropriate zone, pursuant to the zoning laws.