BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 282 VEHICLE NUISANCES TO PROVIDE FURTHER PROVISIONS FOR TOWING NOTICE.

WHEREAS, in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the community, the Council of the Borough of Dravosburg deems its necessary to deputize and authorize the municipal fire chief to issues tickets for specified parking violations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Dravosburg, County of Allegheny, commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that:

Section 1.

Chapter 282 Vehicle Nuisances, Article II Removal of Abandoned or Junked Vehicles, § 282-9(B) shall now read as follows:

Definitions. Abandoned or junked vehicles shall mean any vehicle in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being moved under its own power, or in a dismantled condition, or without a current license plate, or without a current inspection sticker, which has not been moved or used for more than 48 hours; provided, however, the term shall not apply to any vehicle bearing a current license plate and/or current inspection sticker until the Police Department of the Borough of Dravosburg, or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services, or Borough designee has personally tagged the vehicle with an orange tag and/or has by personal service or by regular mail given notice to the registered owner of the vehicle stating that if the vehicle is not removed within 48 hours of the date of the notice it shall be deemed to be abandoned or junked.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Dravosburg, County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, meeting in regular and public session this 17 day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

Brenda Honick,

Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF DRAVOSBURG

Jay McKelvey,

President of Council

Examined and Approved this day of August, 2023.	
	Kevin McKelvey, Mayor

§ 282-11 **§ 282-11. Removal.** § 282-12

Abandoned or junked vehicle removal. In the case of abandoned or junked vehicles on private property in the Borough of Dravosburg, if the abandoned or junked vehicle is not removed within 48 hours from the posting of the towing notice on the vehicle or the day of the written notification by the Borough of Dravosburg or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services, the Borough of Dravosburg or its designated representative, or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services, or its designated representative, shall send a written request to the Borough salvor, or the salvor of any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services, to take possession and tow the abandoned or junked vehicle to the salvor's storage facility. The owner of said abandoned or junked vehicle shall be subject to towing, storage and other fines and costs of prosecution.

§ 282-12. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than \$300 and, in default of the payment thereof, undergo imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 days.

ARTICLE II

Removal of Abandoned or Junked Vehicles [Adopted 4-18-2006 by Ord. No. 06-03]

§ 282-9. Prohibition; definition; exception.

- A. Prohibitions. From and after the effective date of this article, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to allow or permit to remain upon any public or private grounds in the Borough of Dravosburg any abandoned or junked vehicles and/or automobiles, which are hereby declared to be public nuisances.
- B. Definitions. Abandoned or junked vehicles shall mean any vehicle in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being moved under its own power, or in a dismantled condition, or without a current license plate, or without a current inspection sticker, which has not been moved or used for more than 48 hours; provided, however, the term shall not apply to any vehicle bearing a current license plate and/or current inspection sticker until the Police Department of the Borough of Dravosburg, or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services, has personally tagged the vehicle with an orange tag and/or has by personal service or by regular mail given notice to the registered owner of the vehicle stating that if the vehicle is not removed within 48 hours of the date of the notice it shall be deemed to be abandoned or junked.
- C. Exception. Any vehicle or equipment used or to be used in construction or the operation or maintenance of public utility facilities and which is left in a manner which does not interfere with the normal movement of vehicular traffic shall not be considered abandoned vehicles for purposes of this article.

§ 282-10. Towing notice.

- A. Vehicle towing notice on public property. Any vehicle determined to be abandoned or junked on public property and/or private property of the Borough of Dravosburg shall be posted with an orange towing notice indicating that, unless such vehicle is removed within 48 hours of the date of notification, the vehicle shall be towed and the owner shall be subject to a fine and costs of prosecution. Furthermore, the Borough of Dravosburg or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement service shall send to the owner or owners of the abandoned or junked vehicle, by personal service or by certified or registered mail notice, that the abandoned or junked vehicle has been towed and that the abandoned or junked vehicle must be claimed within 30 days of the date of the notice or the vehicle will be disposed of. Such owner shall be subject to towing, storage and other fines and costs of prosecution. Such written notice shall be sent to the owner's or owners' last known post office address.
- B. Vehicle towing notice on private property. Any vehicle determined to be abandoned or junked on private property shall be posted with an orange towing notice indicating that, unless such vehicle is removed within 48 hours of the date of notice, the vehicle shall be towed and the owner shall be subject to a fine and costs of prosecution. Furthermore, the Borough of Dravosburg or any police department or municipality contracted by the Borough of Dravosburg to provide police services or ordinance enforcement services shall send to the owner or owners of the abandoned or junked vehicle, by personal service or by certified or registered mail, notice that the abandoned or junked vehicle must be removed within 48 hours of the date of the notice. Such written notice shall be sent to the owner's or owners' last known post office address.