

Ordinance # 26-05-50

Text Amendment to Chapter 376: Vehicles, Inoperable

**WHEREAS;** it is in the best interest of Stephenson County that the Code be updated from time to time; and,

**WHEREAS;** the following changes are necessary to maintain the Stephenson County Code in compliance with prevailing code and common law and general practice in the State of Illinois;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED THAT;** Chapter 376 Vehicles, Inoperable be amended as follows:

**376-3 Nuisances; definition**

~~Any motor vehicle as defined in §376-1 and 376-2 or part thereof which is inoperable or deteriorated or in need of repair and is located upon private property in the County is hereby declared to be a nuisance, unless any of the following exemptions in §376-4 are met.~~

~~“Inoperable motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle from which, for a period of at least seven (7) days, the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power. “Inoperable motor vehicle” shall not include a motorized vehicle which has been rendered temporarily incapable of being utilized or driven under its own motor power in order to perform ordinary service or repair operations.~~

Any motor vehicle as defined in §376-1 and §376-2, or any part thereof, which for a period of at least seven (7) days has had its engine, wheels, or other essential parts removed, altered, damaged, or neglected so that it is incapable of being lawfully operated upon the highways of the State of Illinois under its own power, is hereby declared to be an inoperable motor vehicle. “Inoperable motor vehicle” shall not include a vehicle temporarily rendered incapable of operation for the purpose of ordinary service or repairs, provided such condition does not exceed seven (7) days from the date the vehicle became inoperable.

**376-4 Exceptions**

A. ~~Kept within an enclosed building or concealed behind a fence when not in use.~~

E. Operable historic motor vehicles over 25 years of age as defined in §376-1 and are properly registered with the State of Illinois.

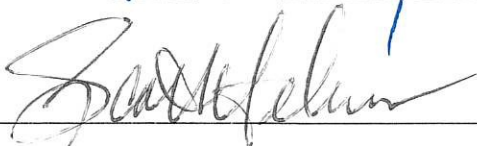
F. ~~Motor vehicles on the premises of an agricultural business owner or a farm as defined in subsection 400-6 and Subsection 400-39-B of this Code.~~ Only motor vehicles for use

of public roadways, including passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and other highway-licensed vehicles shall be subject to enforcement on the premises of an agricultural business owner or farm as defined in Subsection 400-6 and Subsection 400-39(B) of this Code. Agricultural machinery, equipment, and implements are exempt.

### 376-6 Penalty

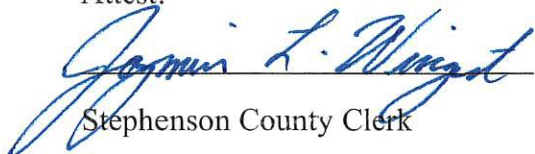
Every person who receives, in person or by mail from an employee or official of Stephenson County, a notice to remove an inoperable motor vehicle under his or her control shall remove such vehicle within fifteen (15) days of receipt of said notice. Any person failing to remove an inoperable motor vehicle withing the above time limit shall, upon conviction, ~~be subject to penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, Penalties, §1-11.~~ be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day that the vehicle remains in violation.

Passed this 21st day of May, 2026



Chairperson of the Stephenson County Board

Attest:



Stephenson County Clerk