

Ordinance 26-06-70

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 any part thereof, which is inoperable, deteriorated, or in need of repair, and 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 and a nuisance. "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.

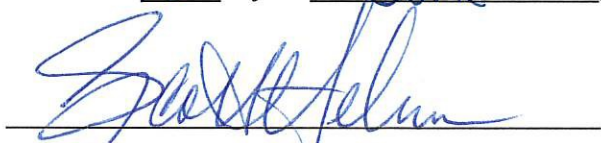
376-4 Exceptions

- A. Kept within an enclosed building.
- B. Operable historic motor vehicles over 25 years of age as defined in §376-1 and are properly registered with the State of Illinois.
- C. 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.
- D. Vintage, antique, or classic motor vehicles utilized solely for decorative, display, or ornamental purposes shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, subject to review and approval by the Department of Building and Zoning, provided such vehicles are maintained in a safe, sanitary, and nonhazardous condition.

376-6 Penalty

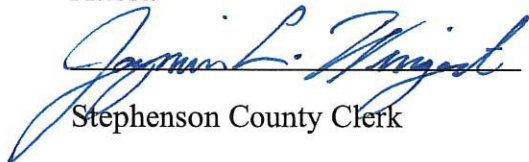
Every person who receives, in person or by mail from an employee or official of Stephenson County, a notice to remove an inoperable motor vehicle under his or her control shall remove such vehicle within fifteen (15) days of receipt of said notice. Any person failing to remove an inoperable motor vehicle within the above time limit shall, upon conviction, be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day that the vehicle remains in violation.

Passed this 18th day of June, 2026



Chairperson of the Stephenson County Board

Attest:



Stephenson County Clerk