

CHAPTER 5

Abandoned Vehicles

§5-1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this ordinance:

PERSON - Any person, firm, partnership, company, corporation or organization of a kind.

VEHICLE - A machine propelled by other than human power, designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads or other mechanical means to transport persons or property or pull machinery, and shall include, without limitation, automobile, truck, tractor, trailer, motorcycle and wagon.

STREET or HIGHWAY - The entire width between boundary lines of every thoroughfare or way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of pedestrian or vehicular travel.

PROPERTY - Any real property within the city which is not a street or highway.

§5-2. Abandoned or apparently abandoned vehicles.

No person shall abandoned any vehicle within the city and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the city for such time and under such circumstances as to reasonably cause such vehicle to appear to have been abandoned.

§5-3. Dismantled or non-operative vehicles on streets or highways.

No person shall leave any dismantled, partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, non-operating or discarded vehicle on any street or highway within the city.

§5-4. Time limit for disposal after notice; exceptions.

No person in charge or in control of any property within the city, whether as owner, occupant, tenant or otherwise, shall allow any dismantled, partially dismantled wrecked, junked, non-operating or discarded vehicle to remain on such property longer than seven (7) days after notice given to such person to remove and dispose of such vehicle by the Code Enforcement Officer or a designee of the Chief of the Fire Department; except that this ordinance shall not apply with regard to a vehicle in an enclosed building or a vehicle on the premises of a business

enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when the keeping of such vehicle is necessary to the operation of such business enterprise.

§5.5. Authorization to remove and dispose of vehicles.

The Code Enforcement Officer or a designee of the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to remove and dispose of or have removed and disposed of any such vehicle left at any place within the city which reasonably appears to be in violation of this ordinance, after notice being given as provided in § 5-4.

§5-6. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

§5-7. Severability.

Each separate section of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other sections herein, and if any section of this ordinance be judicially declared invalid, all other sections hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

§5-8. Repeal of inconsistent ordinances.

Any existing ordinance of the City of Norwich conflicting with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as it may be in conflict with or inconsistent with the several provisions hereof.