

Chapter 169

Restrictions on Storage

(1) No person shall keep or maintain any junk motor vehicle, as defined in the following section, or unregistered motor vehicle, on any private or public property which is accessible to public view for more than fifteen (15) days without being issued a permit to do so under the code of the town. Nor shall any owner or possessor of private property permit a person, party or entity to keep or maintain a junk motor vehicle or unregistered motor vehicle on such property which is accessible to public view for more than fifteen (15) days without being issued a permit to do so under the code of the town.

(2) For the purpose of this chapter, a junk motor vehicle shall include:

- A. Any motor vehicle which is worn out, cast off or discarded;
- B. Any motor vehicle which is ready for dismantling or destruction;
- C. Any motor vehicle which has been collected or stored for salvage or for scrapping in order to make use of the parts thereof.

Any parts from a junk motor vehicle shall also be considered a junk motor vehicle under this chapter.

(3) A permit to keep no more than one (1) junk motor vehicle, or not more than one (1) unregistered motor vehicle in excess of fifteen (15) days, on any public or private property within the Town of Hull shall be requested from the Chief of Police, who may issue said permit under the terms, conditions and standards as set forth in section 5. The refusal to issue said permit may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen by filing an appeal with the Town Clerk within fifteen days of the refusal, and thereafter following the procedure for notice and hearing set forth in section 4.

(4) A permit to keep more than one (1) junk motor vehicle or more than one (1) unregistered motor vehicle may be requested by filing with the Town Clerk an application, in writing, to the Board of Selectmen. The Board shall hold a public hearing upon such application. The cost of publishing notice of the hearing shall be paid by the applicant for the permit.

(5) The Board of Selectmen may grant a permit for up to one (1) year upon such conditions as the board deems proper to keep such junk motor vehicle, or unregistered motor vehicle, accessible to public viewing after a public hearing has been held and the board determines that the keeping of same will not depreciate property values, in the area, will not create a hazard to public safety or will not become a public nuisance. Renewals of the permit shall be granted only after the procedure set forth in section 4 is

followed.

(6) Upon the filing with the Board of Selectmen of a petition signed by at least ten (10) residents of the town asking for revocation of any permit issued pursuant to this chapter, the board shall call for a public hearing to review said permit. If the board determines that the issuance of said permit is such as to depreciate property values in the area, create a hazard to public safety or to constitute a public nuisance, the board may revoke said permit. The effective date of said revocation shall be thirty (30) days after said vote of revocation.

(7) Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each violation. Each days failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation. This chapter may also be enforced by non-criminal disposition, or by civil action, without limiting any other method of enforcement.

(8) The Board of Selectmen may establish a reasonable fee not to exceed fifty (\$50) dollars for the issuance of a permit in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(9) Any clause, section or part of this chapter determined to be invalid by any judiciary for any reason, shall be severable from any other clause, section or part, without affecting the validity of that which remains.