

# **ALLEN COUNTY CODE TITLE 6 BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

## **ARTICLE 9 ABANDONED VEHICLES**

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### **6-9-1 ADOPTION OF STATE LAW.**

All of the power, purpose, provisions and definitions contained in such “Abandoned Vehicle Act” are now incorporated by reference in this chapter and made a part thereof.

### **6-9-2 ABANDONING VEHICLE ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PREMISES.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any vehicle on any public or private premises within unincorporated Allen County for such time and under circumstance which would reasonably make such vehicle appear to have been abandoned. No person shall leave any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any public or private premises within unincorporated Allen County. In the event of repeated complaints by neighbors or other third parties concerning a vehicle, which complaints appear to the Enforcement Officer to constitute harassment, after the vehicle in question has been proven operable and not abandoned, to the satisfaction of the Enforcement Officer, the Enforcement Officer is not required to respond to every complaint which is made.

### **6-9-3 REMOVAL BY THE ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA BUILDING DEPARTMENT.**

(A) The Allen County, Indiana Building Department shall and is hereby designated as the public agency which shall be responsible for the removal, storage and disposal of abandoned vehicles as designated in the Abandoned Vehicle Act. In order to facilitate the removal of such abandoned vehicles or parts, the Allen County, Indiana Building Department may employ such personnel and acquire such equipment, property and facilities as are necessary for removal, storage and disposition of such abandoned vehicles, not in conflict with the Abandoned Vehicle Act or the Allen County, Indiana Building Department may contract with private towing firms or individuals in such business on an annual basis to provide the equipment, storage area and facilities for the removal and disposal.

(B) Pursuant to I.C. 9-22-1-13(b), the Allen County, Indiana Building Department may dispose of a vehicle or parts if the established market value of said vehicle or parts is not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

### **6-9-4 DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES; ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND.**

The Allen County, Indiana Building Department shall establish periodic times and places for the sale or disposal of all such vehicles impounded under this chapter. All money received shall be placed in the Abandoned Vehicle Fund, which shall be a revolving fund dedicated to the enforcement of the Abandoned Vehicle Act and created hereby. The administrative fee for appraisals and processing of title information for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles has been established at \$10.00. This fee is to be paid by the towing contractor or salvage yard.

**6-9-5 REMOVAL BY OWNER; EXECUTION OF WAIVER.**

The owner of such abandoned or junk vehicle may in lieu of the above provisions voluntarily provide for the removal and disposal of such vehicle by executing an abandoned vehicle removal waiver with the Allen County, Indiana Building Department.

**6-9-6 APPROVED CHARGES.**

The Council hereby establishes the maximum charges which may be charged by either the Allen County, Indiana Building Department or a contractor under § 6-9-3:

Towing – maximum \$200.00 per tow

Storage – maximum \$50.00 per day

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