



The City of Crockett has had an increase in citizen complaints of disabled or junk vehicles on various properties throughout the city. Due to this, our city code and law enforcement officers will begin focusing on eliminating these nuisance vehicles. Please help us in addressing this problem by being proactive and taking care of these issues before city officials intervene.

Crockett's Junked and Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance was adopted in accordance with Texas Transportation Code Title 7. Subtitle H. Chapter 683. Effective as of 1995. According to **CROCKETT CODE OF ORDINANCES ARTICLE VIII. JUNKED VEHICLES, Sec. 14-266** a "junked vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and:

(1) Does not have lawfully attached to it:

a. An unexpired license plate; **and** b. A valid motor vehicle inspection certificate; **and**

(2) **Is:** a. Wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; **or**

b. Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:

1. Seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; **or**

2. Thirty (30) consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

The owners of these vehicles or properties on which one of these vehicles are situated, will likely be receiving a notice of violation over the next few weeks. Upon receipt of this notice, the owner will have 10 days to: 1. Have the vehicle inspected and registered; **OR** 2. Concealed from public view such as parked inside a garage or behind a fence so it is not visible from any public or other private property; **OR** 3. Remove it from property within the city limits. Covering the junked vehicle with a covering will not exempt the vehicle from being declared a nuisance.

If the owner does not take one of the above actions to become compliant within 10 days of receipt of notice, the junked vehicle will be recorded in TXDOT registry as a junked vehicle and will never be able to be registered and legally driven again. The vehicle will then be ordered by municipal court to be towed to a scrap yard or vehicle demolisher. If it is not removed by owner, it will be removed by the city at the expense of the owner of the vehicle **OR** occupier of the real estate on which the vehicle was last situated.

In order to familiarize yourself with the requirements and process of our ordinance referencing junked vehicles, please come by City Hall for a copy of the ordinance or you can view it online at: https://www.municode.com/library/tx/crockett/codes/code_of_ordinances and search for "Junked Vehicles."

Respectfully,

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