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JUNK VEHICLES AND APPLIANCES

The junk vehicle and appliance ordinance (City Ordinance Section 34) establishes the requirement that property owners and their tenants properly store disassembled, inoperable or unlicensed, motor vehicles, appliances, and other junk materials. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety and health and to protect the public investment in public highways by preserving the scenic beauty of lands bordering public streets.

Ordinance Basics: Junk vehicles, appliances, and other junk materials may not be stored in the open on public or private property in excess of three days. This ordinance applies to all sides of a property, including the front, side, and rear yards. The "disassembled" portion of the ordinance means that vehicle parts also need to be properly stored. If a violation is observed on private property, the City will send a letter stating that the owner has 3 days to remove the vehicle, appliances, or junked materials from the property or to store it properly. If this is not accomplished, the Barron Police Department may issue a citation.

Penalties for Violation: The penalty for conviction of a violation of this Ordinance is up to \$187.00 for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day a violation occurs or continues. Citations may then be issued daily until the vehicle or junk material is removed or stored by the owner. In order to properly store an unused vehicle or junk material, it must be in a garage (or similar structure) or screened by a fence in compliance with the zoning code. If the violation is not remedied, the City may choose to do a cleanup, at the expense of the property owner. Contact City Hall for details on storage requirements.

Reporting Violations: If a resident observes a vehicle in violation of this ordinance or any other, it may be reported to the Barron City Hall by calling (715)537-5631 or send an email to: chief@barronpd.com

OTHER ORDINANCES:

Restrictions on parking:

48 Hour Limitation. No person shall park any vehicle of any kind on a public streets or public parking lots in the City of Barron for period 48 or more consecutive hours in the same location at any time; where more restrictive parking limits have been established, the more restrictive limit shall apply.

Parking Vehicle for Repair or to Display for Sale Prohibited:

No person shall park a vehicle on any street, alley, public right-of-way or municipal parking lot in the City of Barron for the purpose of repairing a vehicle or to display a vehicle for sale. No vehicles may be parked on the street for the primary purpose of advertising.

Leaving Keys in Vehicle/Parking Running Vehicles:

No person shall permit any vehicle to remain unattended on any street or public area unless the vehicle is locked and the key removed. No person shall leave an unoccupied vehicle with the motor running for more than 30 minutes within 300 feet of any residence between 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 AM.

Street Numbers:

There is an established uniform system of numbering houses and buildings fronting all streets in the City of Barron and all houses and buildings should be numbered in accordance. Each house or building shall conspicuously display the number immediately above or at the side of the proper door of each building so that the number can be plainly seen from the street. Whenever a house or building is more than 50 feet from the street line, the number must be conspicuously displayed at the street line, near the walk, driveway, or common entrance upon a gate post, fence, tree, or post, as to be easily seen from the sidewalk.

Dog Licenses Required:

Dogs shall be licensed annually through Barron County at Barron City Hall.

Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl, and Other Animals:

It shall be unlawful for any person within the City of Barron to own or keep any dog or cat which:

- Habitually pursues any vehicle upon any public street, alley, or highway in the City.
- Assaults or attacks any person or destroys property.
- Is at large within the limits of the City.
- Habitually barks or howls to the annoyance of another person or persons.
- A dog that is unlicensed.

Unleashed Dogs or Other Animals Running at Large:

No owner or caretaker of any dog or other animal shall permit it to be unleashed at any time that the animal is not on the owner or caretaker's property and which is upon any public street, alley, right-of-way, or any school ground, public park, cemetery, or other public or private property without the permission of the owner or occupier of the property.

Removal of Animal Feces:

The owner or caretaker of any dog, cat, or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of the animal to deposit on any street, alley, or other public or private property, unless it is immediately removed.

Open Burning:

Any person with untreated wood and yard waste generated on their own yard, except for grass clippings, may burn these materials on their own property by doing all of the following:

- Properly notify and receive approval and necessary permits from the City Fire Chief and Mayor
- Conduct all allowed open burning in a safe, pollution-free manner, when the wind and weather conditions are such to minimize adverse effects and in conformance with local and state fire protection regulations. The use of burn barrels is prohibited.

Snow and Ice Removal; Depositing Snow Upon Public Streets:

The owner, occupant or person in charge of any parcel of land which joins any sidewalk shall have 24 hours after the end of a snowfall to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of the premises. When ice forms on the sidewalk of the premises it shall be sanded or sprinkled with salt or deicer.

Regulation of Lawn and Grasses:

Lawns, grasses, and weeds that exceed 8 inches in length are considered a public nuisance and adversely affect the public health and values of other land within the City and are a fire and safety hazard.

For More Information: Staff at Barron City Hall, Street Department or the Barron Police Department are available to answer questions. Actual copies of the ordinance are available online at

<http://cityofbarron.com/ordinances>