

ORDINANCE 402

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES

402.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions of words in this Ordinance are listed alphabetically in the Definitions Dictionary located at the beginning of the combined Ordinances of Delaware Township. These definitions are an integral part of the Ordinances of Delaware Township, which are incomplete without them.

402.2 ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED

No person shall abandon any vehicle within the Township, or shall leave any vehicle at any place within the Township for such a time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned, whether such vehicle is completely intact, partially dismantled, inoperative, wrecked, or junked.

402.3 LEAVING INOPERATIVE VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS PROHIBITED

No person shall leave any inoperative, partially dismantled, wrecked, or junked vehicle on any Township road or highway unless that vehicle was disabled or involved in an accident and arrangements have been made to tow it from the scene.

402.4 DISPOSITION OF INOPERATIVE VEHICLES

A. No person in charge or control of any property in the Township, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, or otherwise, shall allow any inoperative, partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, or discarded vehicle to remain on such property. Upon fifteen (15) days written notice from the Township, the vehicle shall be removed.

B. This prohibition shall not apply to a vehicle in an enclosed building, on the premises of a business when necessary to the lawful operation of the business, or located in a junk yard licensed by the Township.

402.5 IMPOUNDMENT

Any member of the Board of Supervisors is vested with the authority to enforce the terms and conditions of this Ordinance, and is hereby authorized to have removed from any place in the Township any vehicle that he/she has probable cause to believe is in violation of this Ordinance, or lost, stolen, or unclaimed. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all costs incurred by reason of the impoundment or storage.

402.6 PENALTY

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or who resists or interferes with any officers, agents, or employees of the Township who, in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, are in the performance of their duty, shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), or shall be imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each day's continuance of each violation shall constitute a separate offense. All fines collected for the violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to Delaware Township. See Ordinance 208.

402.7 ENACTMENT

The enactment of this Ordinance shall serve as a repeal of Ordinance 29 and any other Ordinance inconsistent herewith.

This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of adoption.