

ARTICLE I
Junked Vehicles
[Adopted 10-4-1982 by HB No. 21-82]

§ 113-1. Junked vehicles. [Amended 8-1-1983 by HB No. 9-83; 5-5-1986 by HB No. 4-86; 6-1-1998 by HR 98-03; 9-21-1998 by HR 98-06; 12-3-2007 by HO-2007-14]

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to junk any vehicle at any place within the City, nor shall any owner, lessee or custodian in charge of any lot, field, road, street, lane or other property permit any junked vehicle to remain on such property within the City except in an enclosed garage.
- B. Presumption; exempt properties.
- (1) For the purpose of this article, any partially dismantled or substantially damaged, inoperable vehicle or one that is unlicensed or bearing an expired license shall be presumed to have been junked.
 - (2) Properties exempt from this article are: licensed motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle mechanical or body repair facilities and towing storage compounds. However, such vehicle must be stored on the licensed property and fenced to shield the vehicle from view. Storage of any vehicle shall be limited to no more than 90 days, in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-107.1(a) 253.3 of the Prince George's County Code.
- C. Under the authority of this article, any sworn police officer of the City of Hyattsville or the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Hyattsville may impound the junked vehicle, after first attaching a police notice on the presumed junked vehicle which shall state, in part, "The attached vehicle is presumed junked. If not removed or brought into compliance with § 113-1 of the City Code within 48 hours from the date upon this notice, this vehicle shall be impounded and sent to a scrap processor. Likewise, the vehicle owner will be held liable for all towing, storage, preservation and all other charges relating to the disposition of the vehicle."
- D. The Chief of Police for the City shall have the authority to extend the forty-eight-hour period before impoundment for a time not to exceed 30 days, upon receipt of a written statement setting forth the reasons for requesting such extension; the Mayor and Council shall also have the authority to extend the forty-eight-hour period for any definite time in excess of 30 days, upon receipt of a written statement setting forth the reasons for requesting such extension.
- E. Violations of this section shall be punishable as a municipal infraction as provided in Chapter 20 of this Code. The fine for any single violation shall be \$100, and the fine for each repeat offense shall be \$200.