

**TOWN OF SEVERANCE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DEFINING ABANDONED VEHICLE**

WHEREAS section 7-2-120 of the Severance Municipal Code currently imposes certain prohibition on inoperable and abandoned vehicles in the Town of Severance;

WHEREAS the Severance Municipal Code does not currently define what constitutes an “abandoned vehicle;” and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees for the Town of Severance desire to provide direction, guidance, and clarification of rules governing inoperable and abandoned vehicles to the Town of Severance Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SEVERANCE, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Section 7-1-10 of the Severance Municipal Code is amended to include as follows:

Sec. 7-1-10. – Definitions.

*Enclosed parking structure* means a parking space or spaces which meets the building standards and which are enclosed by a minimum of three walls, a roof, and a closable entry.

**Section 2.** Section 7-2-120 of the Severance Municipal Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 7-2-120. – Inoperable and abandoned vehicles.

- (a) No inoperable vehicle within in the Sub Urban Perimeter, Town Core and Development Node Zoning Districts shall be parked, stored, placed, or deposited or permitted to be parked, stored, placed, or deposited upon any private property.
- (b) Except as permitted in subsection (a), no inoperable or abandoned vehicle shall be parked, stored, placed, deposited or abandoned, or permitted to be parked, stored, placed, deposited or abandoned upon any public or private property.
- (c) Inoperable vehicle means:
  - (1) Any vehicle that does not have a valid registration or license plate on it.
  - (2) Any vehicle that is placed on blocks, chains or other supports.
  - (3) A vehicle shall be deemed to be in an inoperable condition if it is

junked, wrecked, wholly or partially dismantled, missing essential parts or unable to perform the functions or purposes for which it was originally manufactured.

- (4) Any vehicle left unattended on public property, including any portion of a street or highway right-of-way, within the Town.
- (d) Abandoned vehicle means:
  - (2) (24) hours or longer without the consent of the owner or lessee of such property or owner's or lessee's legally authorized agent;
  - (3) Any vehicle left unattended on public property, including any portion of a street, alley, or highway right-of-way, within the Town for a period of ninety-six (96) hours or longer.
- (e) In addition to any citation that may be issued for violation of this section, any inoperable or abandoned motor vehicle in violation of this section may be towed pursuant to Sections 42-4-1602 through 42-4-1607, C.R.S.
- (f) Any vehicle which is stored or parked upon premises which are properly zoned for such purpose and which premises are in the business of repairing or storing motor vehicles shall be exempt from Subsections (a) and (b) above.
- (g) No vehicle shall be deemed abandoned or inoperable under this section if said vehicle is not visible from Town right-of-way and is either stored behind a six (6) foot solid wood or vinyl fence or within a fully enclosed parking structure on private property.

**Section 2. Effective Date:** This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication in the manner provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

TOWN OF SEVERANCE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald M. McLeod, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Jenner, Town Clerk