

HOW DO I REPORT A VIOLATION?

If you are aware of a violation of the inoperable motor vehicle ordinance, please call the Division of Community Maintenance hotline at (804) 501-4757. **The hotline is available to address your concerns 24 hours per day.** When you call to report a problem, you will be required to give your name and telephone number. **This information is kept confidential and will not be released under any circumstances.** It will be used only when County staff require additional information to investigate the case or to update complainants of the status of their concerns.

24 Hour Hotline: (804) 501-4757

For more information or to report violations, please visit our website:

www.co.henrico.va.us/maint



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WHAT IF I WANT TO GIVE THE VEHICLE TO CHARITY?

To donate an inoperable vehicle, please call:

- 1) National Kidney Foundation
(800) 488-2277
- 2) Salvation Army
(804) 359-0269

Both charities will tow your vehicle from your property free of charge, and your donation may be tax deductible. In order to make a donation, you must have or be able to obtain the title for the vehicle you wish to donate.

HELP US

HELP YOU...

Properties with Inoperable Vehicles frequently have other ordinance violations. If you call to report a violation, advise our staff of the following:

- 1) Address of the property
- 2) Is the property vacant or occupied?
- 3) Is the grass on the property taller than 12 inches?
- 4) Is there any trash or other debris on the property that is not stored in a watertight container?

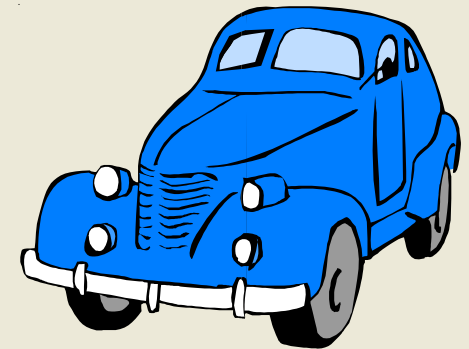


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Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Community Revitalization coordinates the County's programs and services intended to promote healthy, vibrant, and attractive residential, commercial, and industrial communities.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

The Division works cooperatively with citizens through education, volunteer assistance, and communication to gain voluntary compliance with County codes to promote a healthier and safer environment. The Division's motto is: "Service through communication and care"

PURPOSE OF BROCHURE

This brochure describes the codes that govern the parking of inoperable vehicles on private property and prohibit the parking of abandoned vehicles on the public right of way. Vehicle laws are important to the people who live and work in Henrico County, as well as to prospective businesses and residents.

HENRICO COUNTY CODE

Section 10-3 of the Henrico County Code defines an inoperable vehicle as any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which:

- 1) Is not in operating condition, or
- 2) Does not display valid license plates, or
- 3) Does not display an inspection decal that is valid or does display an inspection decal that has been expired for more than 60 days.



INOPERABLE VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

One inoperable motor vehicle may be kept outside a fully enclosed building or structure if it is shielded or screened from view. Shielded or screened from view means not visible from someone standing at ground level from outside of the property on which the vehicle is located. **Covering inoperable motor vehicles with tarps or car covers does not meet the requirements of the ordinance.** Generally, a fence, wall, or dense evergreen screen is needed to meet the ordinance requirement.

ABANDONED VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Inoperable vehicles are not permitted to be parked on the street and are subject to towing, by the County in 48 hours.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A VIOLATION IS OBSERVED?

A Community Maintenance Inspector will respond to a violation by contacting the property owner to explain the code and how to reach compliance. The inspector will make every effort to contact the property owner in person by leaving business cards, brochures, and notices at the dwelling and following up by the U.S. mail. Voluntary compliance is the goal of our program. However, if voluntary compliance is not reached by the deadline date, a court summons may be obtained. Only one Notice of Violation will be issued in any 12 month period. Additional violations may result in a summons being issued for you to appear in Henrico County General District Court.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

The owners of an inoperable motor vehicle on private property are subject to a criminal penalty of up to \$2500 and/or 12 months imprisonment if convicted of a violation.