
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2025

AGENDA ITEM:

DATE: 11.04.2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CH 20 JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE

Background:

Definition: JUNK VEHICLE: means a vehicle that is self-propelled, and:

- (1) Does not have ;lawfully attached to it:
 - a. An unexpired license plate; and
 - b. A valid motor vehicle inspection certificate; and
- (2) Is:
 - a. Wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or
 - b. Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:
 1. 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or
 2. 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

The Development Services Office has received numerous complaints regarding the accumulation of junk vehicles at automotive repair shops that are in public view. These repair shops are also located on major thoroughfares within city limits. Therefore, this is what people see as they travel through our city. These vehicles tend to sit at these locations for months or even years with no improvements made. It is staff's recommendation that these vehicles need to be repaired or removed from public view.

Therefore, staff recommends adoption of this proposed amendment to Ch. 20, Article V, Sec. 20-97, as was discussed at a first reading on October 13 and a joint workshop with the Planning Board on October 28.