



# Non-Operational Motor Vehicles

## What Does The Law Say?

The law governing motor vehicles for the City of Springfield can be found in the International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.8 and the Code of Ordinances, Section 18-32.

**PM 302.8 states:** No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

**EXCEPTION:** A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purpose.

**Code of Ordinances, 18-32 states:** No person shall store, or permit to be stored, or allowed to remain, any dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts in any area, lot or yard in the city without being lawfully authorized to conduct business as a automobile repair facility, automobile maintenance facility, automobile sales facility, junkyard or salvage yard unless the motor vehicle shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or other wholly enclosed structure.

## How Does The City Enforce It?

Owners are notified that a violation has occurred and given time to correct the violation. Should the property owner not comply, the City will issue a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

## **What Is An Inoperable Vehicle?**

Inoperable motor vehicle means any motor vehicle which falls into one or more of the following categories:

1. A motor vehicle which is dismantled or partially dismantled.
2. A motor vehicle which is in a state of disrepair.
3. A motor vehicle which does not comply with the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.1 et seq.), and have attached thereto and displayed thereon a valid registration certificate and valid registration plates issued by the state for the current registration year.
4. A motor vehicle which for any other reason is incapable of being operated under its own power upon a public street or road.

## **Storage of inoperable vehicles**

Motor vehicles shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or other wholly enclosed structure.