



# ST. CHARLES PARISH


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### COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 28, 2025

TO: MR. MICHAEL ALBERT  
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO   
COUNCIL SECRETARY

RE: AMEND CODE CHAPTER 16, NUISANCES  
ARTICLE II. ABANDONED, JUNKED OR WRECKED VEHICLES, SEC. 16-11  
DEFINED., TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "DERELICT AUTOMOBILES"

On April 21, 2025, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 25-4-12 amending the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Nuisances, Article II. Abandoned, Junked or Wrecked Vehicles, Sec. 16-11. Defined., to clarify the definition of "derelict automobiles by specifying that either lacking adequate registration or a current inspection sticker can qualify a vehicle under the definition.

A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your records. Please notify the appropriate parties of the Council's action in this regard.

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Enclosure

cc: Parish Council  
Ms. Samantha de Castro w/enclosure  
Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure  
Planning & Zoning Commission w/enclosure

**2025-0106**

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-4-12**

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Nuisances, Article II. Abandoned, Junked or Wrecked Vehicles, Sec. 16-11. Defined., to clarify the definition of "derelict automobiles by specifying that either lacking adequate registration or a current inspection sticker can qualify a vehicle under the definition.

**WHEREAS**, the current definition requires both lacking current registration and a current inspection sticker; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current definition allows inoperable vehicles to circumvent the code by meeting a portion of the requirement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the test to determine operational status continues to require additional proof of inoperability; and,

**WHEREAS**, Code Enforcement will be better able to identify and manage incidents of derelict and inoperable automobiles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.** That the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Nuisances, Article II. Abandoned, Junked or Wrecked Vehicles, Sec. 16-11. Defined., is hereby amended as follows with new text underlined and deleted text in strikethrough:

**Sec. 16-11. Defined.**

As used in this article the term "abandoned, junked, wrecked or derelict automobile or motor vehicle" shall mean a vehicle which does not have a current vehicle registration and or current inspection sticker, and either is not able to move under its own power or which has not been moved for sixty (60) days.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, O'DANIELS,  
FISHER, DEBRULER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: COMARDELLE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 21st day of April, 2025, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Heely Fonseca

SECRETARY: Michelle Sordano

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: April 22, 2025

APPROVED: ☒ DISAPPROVED: ☐

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: April 24, 2025

AT: 9:50am RECD BY: TR