

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE  
STORAGE OF JUNK CARS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland as follows:

Section One

Any automobile, vehicle or trailer of any kind or type, without a valid current license plate or inspection sticker attached thereto, shall not be parked or stand on any residentially zoned property or other zoned property unless it shall be in a completely enclosed building or on property zoned for industrial uses for the operation of an automobile wrecking business or junkyard.

No automobile, vehicle or trailer of any kind or type, which shall be in an inoperative or junk condition, shall be parked or stand on any residentially zoned property or other zoned property unless:

- (a) it shall be in an enclosed building;
- (b) it shall be on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful manner, when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, or
- (c) it shall be on property occupied and used for repair, reconditioning or remodeling of vehicles in conformance with the zoning ordinances of the City of Ridgeland.

Nothing in this ordinance shall authorize the maintenance of a public or private nuisance is defined under other provisions of law.

An inoperative or junk condition shall include but not be limited to, any automobile, vehicle, trailer of any kind or type or contrivance or part thereof, the condition of which is one or more of the following:

- (a) wrecked
- (b) dismantled
- (c) partially dismantled
- (d) inoperative
- (e) abandoned
- (f) discarded
- (g) One which does not have a valid current license plate and inspection sticker attached thereto.

This ordinance and resolution shall not be the exclusive regulation of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or contrivances within the unincorporated limits of the City of Ridgeland shall be supplemental and in addition to the other regulations and regulatory codes, ordinances, statutes or provisions of law heretofore and hereinafter enacted by the County, State or other legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

Section Two  
Impounding

The chief of police or any member of his department designated by him is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle left at any place within the city which reasonably appears to be in violation of this section or lost, stolen or

unclaimed. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with Sections 63-23-1 through 63-23-11, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

Section Three  
Penalties

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or be imprisoned in the city jail for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

Section Four  
Effective Date

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen find as a matter of fact that there are currently within the City of Ridgeland a number of junk cars which constitute a presently existing health hazard making it necessary that this ordinance be effective immediately from and after passage.

DATED this the 7th day of November, 1989.

/s/ Gene F. McGee

Gene F. McGee  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Rebecca W Dixon  
Rebecca W. Dixon  
CITY CLERK