

TITLE X

Chapter 51

JUNK AND SALVAGE YARDS

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51.01 PURPOSE.

In order to promote the public health, safety, welfare, convenience and enjoyment of public land and property, as well as preserving the value of private land and property, preserving and enhancing the scenic beauty of property, promoting prosperity, well being and the general welfare of the City of Blair. It is declared to be the public interest to regulate and restrict the establishment, operation and maintenance of junk yards within the city limits and extra-territorial zoning land adjacent to the City. All junk yards in violation of this ordinance and applicable to Wisconsin Statutes are declared public nuisances.

51.02 DEFINITIONS.

The definitions in Section 84.31(2) are hereby adopted by reference unless otherwise modified by this ordinance.

51.03 JUNK YARDS PROHIBITED.

- (1) No person may own, establish, expand or maintain a junkyard, except the following:
 - (A) Within a zoned industrial area and otherwise in compliance with this ordinance.
 - (B) Which is not visible from the traveled portion of any city street or highway passing through the city limits of the City.
- (2) Determination of whether or not a junkyard is in compliance with this ordinance is the function and responsibility of the Zoning Administrator and the appropriate standing committee of the Council.

51.04 NON-CONFORMING JUNK YARDS.

- (1) A non-conforming junkyard is one which:
 - (A) Was lawfully established and maintained prior to adoption of this ordinance, and
 - (B) Does not comply with this ordinance

- (2) A junkyard retains its non-conforming status so long as it is not abandoned if inactive for more than one hundred eighty (180) days.
- (3) Every non-conforming junkyard shall be screened, relocated, removed or disposed of within eighteen (18) months after it becomes a non-conforming junkyard. Failure to do so will subject the owner to the penalty section of this ordinance.
- (4) Any legal process initiated under this ordinance or applicable Wisconsin Statutes must be preceded by a sufficient notice to apprise the owner of the junkyard that he is in violation of this ordinance.
- (5) Junked vehicles shall not constitute, by definition, a junkyard. Violations of the code relative to junked vehicles shall be determined by Chapter 18.

51.05

PENALTIES.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00, nor more than \$250.00, for each offence. Failure to pay the forfeiture, upon conviction, will result in the issuance of a Civil Commitment Order