

**ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE
PERTAINING TO THE DISPOSITION OF
ABANDONED AND INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, ILLINOIS:

DEFINITIONS

Section 1: The following definitions shall apply in the
interpretation and enforcement of this Chapter:

ABANDONED VEHICLE: Any vehicle which is left at any place
for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such
vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned.

INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE: Any motor vehicle from which,
for a period of at least thirty (30) days, the engine, wheels or
other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise so treated
that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own
motor power. However, inoperable motor vehicle shall not
include a motor vehicle which has been rendered temporarily
incapable of being driven under its own power in order to
perform ordinary service or repair operations nor to any motor
vehicles that are kept within a building when not in use.

PERSON: Any person, firm, partnership, association,
corporation, company or organization of any kind.

PROPERTY: Any real property within the Village which is
not a street or highway.

STREET OR HIGHWAY: The entire width between the boundary
lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is
open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

VEHICLE: A machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners or slides and transport persons or property or pull machinery and shall include, without limitation, automobile, bus, van, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy and wagon.

**RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON
ABANDONED AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES**

Section 2: Abandonment of Vehicles. No person shall abandon any vehicle within the Village and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the Village for such time and under such circumstances as to cause such vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned.

Leaving of Wrecked, Nonoperating Vehicles on Street. No person shall leave any partially dismantled, nonoperating, wrecked or junked vehicle on any street or highway in the Village.

Inoperable Vehicles Declared to be a Nuisance.

a. Inoperable motor vehicles, as defined herein, whether on public or private property, are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

b. All persons are required to dispose of any inoperable motor vehicles under their control upon written notice received from the corporate authorities or from the Sheriff, Peoria County, or any member of his Department designated by him commanding such disposition of said inoperable motor vehicle.

IMPOUNDING

Section 3: The Sheriff, Peoria County, 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 Village which reasonably appears to be in violation of this Ordinance or which reasonably appears to be lost, stolen, or unclaimed, or which is an inoperable vehicle as defined herein. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with Chapter 95 1/2, Illinois Revised Statutes, Sections 4-201 through 4-214, as they may be amended from time to time.

PENALTIES

Section 4: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th day of January, 1986, by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellevue, Illinois.

APPROVED:

BY: Arroy D. Bushong
President, Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE

ATTEST:

Brenda S. Bushong
Village Clerk

GUIDELINES FOR USE WITH ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

1. Abandoned vehicles may be removed from a highway in an urban district after 10 hours.

2. An abandoned unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled vehicle which creates a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the highway or if its physical appearance is causing the impeding of traffic, it can be removed from public or private property.

3. A vehicle "abandoned" on private property for a period of seven days can be removed.

4. "Inoperable" vehicle - after notice to property owner:

a. Can be removed.

b. Person can be cited in court for violation of ordinance.

c. Or both of above.