

**Chapter 117**  
**VEHICLES, ABANDONED AND JUNKED**

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Bear Creek Township at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

Junk and junkyards — See Ch. 76.

Disabled vehicles — See Ch. 119.

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§ 117-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**ABANDONED VEHICLE:**

- A. Any vehicle which is parked or permitted to stand unattended on any public street or alley for a continuous period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours and not bearing one (1) of the following: a valid registration plate, a certificate of inspection or an ascertainable vehicle identification number.
- B. Any vehicle which shall stand or be parked on a public street or alley for a period of forty-eight (48) hours without the consent of the owner or person in control.

**JUNKED AUTOMOBILE** — Any vehicle which has no valid registration or certificate of inspection and has been stripped or partially disassembled so that it is inoperable or immovable and is parked or permitted to stand on a public street or alley for forty-eight (48) hours and on private property for a continuous period in excess of thirty (30) days.

§ 117-2. Declaration of nuisance.

The parking, standing or storage of abandoned or junked vehicles on public or private property within the municipal limits of Bear Creek Township is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.

**§ 117-3. Parking or storing of abandoned vehicles.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, company, partnership or corporation, whether by principal or agent, to park, store or permit to be parked or stored any abandoned vehicle on the public streets or alleys of Bear Creek Township.

**§ 117-4. Parking or storing of junked vehicles.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, company, partnership or corporation, whether by principal or agent, to park, store or permit to be parked or stored any junked vehicle on public or private property within Bear Creek Township.

**§ 117-5. Investigation of complaint; notice of violation.**

It shall be the duty of the Bear Creek Police Department, upon the presence of abandoned or junked vehicles within the township, to investigate said vehicles. If the investigation reveals the presence of vehicles in violation of this chapter, the officer shall immediately transmit written notice to the owner, in person or by registered mail. Such written notice shall contain a description of the vehicle and its location, notice of violation of this chapter and directions to remove the vehicle from the street or private property within ten (10) days.

**§ 117-6. Violations and penalties.**

- A. Any person or persons, firm, company, partnership or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction before the District Justice, pay a fine of not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.) for each offense and cost of prosecution and, when default in payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- B. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist after notice in writing shall have been served shall constitute a separate offense.