

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 867

Short Title: Warrenton/Junked & Abandoned Vehicles. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Wray.

Referred to: Local Government II, if favorable, Finance.

March 30, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AFFECTING THE REGULATION OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED MOTOR  
3 VEHICLES IN THE TOWN OF WARRENTON.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-303(b2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b2) A junked motor vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle that also:

- 7 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or  
8 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally  
9 intended to move; or

10 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and worth less  
11 than one hundred dollars (\$100.00);

12 (3a) Is more than five years old and worth less than five hundred dollars  
13 (\$500.00); this subdivision applies only to the Cities of Belmont, Bessemer  
14 City, Cherryville, Eden, Gastonia, Greensboro, Henderson, High Point,  
15 Mount Holly, and Reidsville and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius,  
16 Cramerton, Dallas, Davidson, Farmville, Huntersville, LaGrange, Matthews,  
17 Mint Hill, Louisburg, Spring Lake, ~~and Stanley; or~~ Stanley, and Warrenton;

18 or  
19 (4) Does not display a current license plate."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-303.2(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) A municipality may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the abandonment of  
22 junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property within the municipality's  
23 ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such regulation, restraint or prohibition is  
24 necessary and desirable to promote or enhance community, neighborhood or area appearance,  
25 and may enforce any such ordinance by removing or disposing of junked motor vehicles  
26 subject to the ordinance according to the procedures prescribed in this section. The authority  
27 granted by this section shall be supplemental to any other authority conferred upon  
28 municipalities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require  
29 the removal or disposal of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "automobile graveyard"  
30 or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. 136-143.

31 For purposes of this section, the term "junked motor vehicle" means a vehicle that does not  
32 display a current license plate and that:

- 33 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or  
34 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was  
35 intended to move; or  
36 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and appears to be  
37 worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); [or]



- 1           (4)    Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than five hundred  
2                   dollars (\$500.00). This subdivision applies only to the Cities of Belmont,  
3                   Bessemer City, Cherryville, Eden, Gastonia, Greensboro, High Point,  
4                   Monroe, Mount Holly, and Reidsville and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden,  
5                   Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas, Davidson, Farmville, Huntersville, LaGrange,  
6                   Mint Hill, Louisburg, Spring Lake, ~~and Stanley~~ Stanley, and Warrenton."  
7           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.