

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 426\*  
State & Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/10/07  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/27/07

Short Title: Various Cities and Towns/Junked Vehicles. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AFFECTING THE REGULATION OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED  
3 MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWNS OF AYDEN, CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON,  
4 HUNTERSVILLE, AND SPRING LAKE AND THE CITIES OF EDEN,  
5 GREENSBORO, HIGH POINT, AND REIDSVILLE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

9 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or

10 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was  
11 originally intended to move; or

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

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

21 (4) Does not display a current license plate."

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

23 "(a) A municipality may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the  
24 abandonment of junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property  
25 within the municipality's ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such  
26 regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance  
27 community, neighborhood or area appearance, and may enforce any such ordinance by  
28 removing or disposing of junked motor vehicles subject to the ordinance according to

1 the procedures prescribed in this section. The authority granted by this section shall be  
2 supplemental to any other authority conferred upon municipalities. Nothing in this  
3 section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require the removal or disposal  
4 of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as  
5 defined in G.S. 136-143.

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

- 8 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- 9 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally  
10 was intended to move; or
- 11 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and appears  
12 to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); [or]
- 13 (4) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than five  
14 hundred dollars (\$500.00). This subdivision applies only to the Cities  
15 of Belmont, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Eden, ~~Gastonia and Mount~~  
16 ~~Holly~~, Gastonia, Greensboro, High Point, Mount Holly, and Reidsville  
17 and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas,  
18 Davidson, Farmville, Huntersville, LaGrange, Mint Hill,  
19 Louisburg~~Louisburg~~, and Stanley. Spring Lake, and Stanley."

20 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.