

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FLETCHER, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE 0-4-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE JUNKED VEHICLES UPON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

Whereas, the village ordinances, in terms of health, safety of the residents within the village limits are outdated and in need of an update.

Whereas, the Village finds it necessary for the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Village residents to control junked vehicles left upon public property within the Village.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FLETCHER, STATE OF OHIO:

1. Codified ordinance 703.01 to 703.07 is hereby amended to read in its entirety:

**703.01 – DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Person" shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.
- (b) "Vehicle" shall mean a machine propelled by power other than human power designated 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, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, and wagon.
- (c) "Street or highway" shall mean 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.
- (d) "Property" shall mean any real property within the Village which is not a street or highway.
- (e) "Junk" shall mean discarded articles of all kinds which reasonably appear to be discarded or of no intrinsic value. Any vehicle fitting the definition of junked vehicle as set forth in Section 521.01 is considered junk within this section.

**703.02 – 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.

#### 703.03 – LEAVING OF WRECKED, NON-OPERATING VEHICLE ON STREET.

No person shall leave any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, or junked vehicle on any street or highway within the Village.

#### 703.04 – DISPOSITION OF WRECKED OR DISCARDED VEHICLES.

No person in charge or control of any property within the Village whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall allow any junk to remain on such property longer than 48 hours except that this section shall not apply with regard to junk in an enclosed building or in a container; or junk on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise.

#### 703.05 – IMPOUNDING

The Sheriff 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 lost, stolen, or unclaimed. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

#### 703.06 – NOTICE TO REMOVE JUNK

The Sheriff or any member of his Department designed by him upon being apprised of a violation of Section 703.04 shall notify the person in charge or control of such property to remove junk on said property within 24 hours; provided, however, that in the event the Sheriff is unable to locate the person in charge or control of any property within 24 hours, the Sheriff or any member of his Department is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any junk from such property.

#### 703.07 – PENALTIES

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance or failing to comply with an order of the Sheriff issued pursuant to Section 703.06 shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined an amount not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

2. All previously enacted renditions of Codified Ordinance 703 are hereby revoked and replaced by the above version.

3. All subsections of 703 not currently used are reserved for further use.

Adopted:

Marcia Hafner  
President of Council

Jason Hafner  
Mayor

ATTEST: Julie M. Anderson  
JULIE ANDERSON  
Clerk  
VILLAGE OF FLETCHER, Miami County, Ohio

Ordinance read:

Date: 11/10/25

Date: 12/8/25

Date: 1/12/26

