

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF PRAIRIE HOME, MISSOURI**

**ORDINANCE NO. 227**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE ABANDONMENT OF  
VEHICLES AND THE STORAGE OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES  
WITHIN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE HOME**

**BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Prairie Home, Missouri, as follows:**

**Section 1. Definitions.**

(a) Inoperable Motor Vehicle. Any Motor Vehicle which either: (a) is not currently registered and licensed to operate upon the Highways and public roads of this State as provided by Chapter 301 RSMo.; or (b) is a currently-registered and licensed Motor Vehicle which is, in fact, incapable of operation or use upon the Highways and public roads of this State.

(b) Lawful Storage. Any Motor Vehicle kept or stored in a locked building which is completely enclosed, or within a locked fence area not visible from adjacent public or private property, or upon the premises of a public place of business for the purpose of Motor Vehicle repair for a period not longer than ten (10) days.

(c) Motor Vehicle. Any self-propelled Vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, including Motor Scooters and Motorbikes, and excepting farm tractors, or as the term may be subsequently defined by §301.010 RSMo.

**Section 2. Abandoned Vehicles Prohibited.** No Owner or other person in charge of a Vehicle or other personal property shall leave or abandon the same upon the streets, highways, alleys, or any other property in this City.

**Section 3. Unlicensed & Inoperable Vehicles and Trailers**

(a) Prohibited on Public Property. No Motor Vehicle or Trailer shall be Parked on any Street or property owned by the City without a current state license plate issued to such Motor Vehicle or Trailer and displayed as required by State law. This prohibition shall apply to the person so parking such Motor Vehicle or Trailer and to the Owner of such Motor Vehicle or Trailer according to the records of the Missouri Department of Revenue.

(b) Prohibited on Private Property. The keeping or storage of an Inoperable Motor Vehicle, except for Lawful Storage as defined above is declared a public safety hazard. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall, within this City, cause to be kept or stored an Inoperable Motor Vehicle upon the real estate of such person, firm or corporation, or upon the real estate of another person, firm or corporation, and any person, firm or corporation owning or occupying real estate within this City, who shall suffer, permit or allow an Inoperable Motor Vehicle to be kept or stored upon such real estate, shall be in violation of this Ordinance No. 227, excepting Lawful Storage.

**Section 4. Penalty.** A person convicted of an offense under this Ordinance No. 227 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Each day that a violation of this Ordinance No. 227 continues shall be a separate offense and violation, and a separate fine may be levied for each offense.

**Section 5. Effect.** This Ordinance No. 227 replaces and repeals Ordinance No. 144. This Ordinance No. 227 shall not be deemed to repeal any other Ordinance of the City pertaining to nuisances, nor shall it repeal or limit any other remedy available to the City. This Ordinance is passed upon authority of §304.159 RSMo.

Having been previously made available to the public, this Ordinance No. 227 was read two (2) times by title only and passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

Donald Ray Lohse  
Donald Ray Lohse, Mayor

Attest: Mary Sue Lohse  
Mary Sue Lohse, City Clerk