

**TOWN OF SHARPTOWN
UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE
AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 70**

AN AMENDED ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO STORE UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE IN OPEN STORAGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SHARPTOWN; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSING OF UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE, MAKING THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WHERE AN UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLE IS LOCATED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF SUCH VEHICLE; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICES TO THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE AND THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY WHERE SUCH VEHICLE IS STORED, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, have determined that the storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicle in open storage within the limits of the Town of Sharptown is unsightly and a health and safety hazard to the citizens of the Town of Sharptown; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, have determined that unlicensed or inoperable vehicle shall either be removed from property within the Town of Sharptown or placed within enclosed storage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND, that Ordinance No. 70 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1.

A. Unlicensed or inoperable vehicle: A vehicle is any device in, on, or by which any individual or property is or might be transported or towed on a highway. No person, firm or corporation shall store, keep, or maintain on any property or premises within the limits of the Town of Sharptown any unlicensed or inoperable vehicle in open storage (for the purposes of this Ordinance, open storage shall be defined as kept in open air, under tarpaulin, within a garage having less than four (4) complete walls). Any vehicle subject to this Ordinance which is moved to another property in the Town of Sharptown shall remain subject to this Ordinance.

B. Exceptions: Nothing shall prohibit the storing of the following vehicle in open storage within the limits of Sharptown:

- (1) A vehicle under repair on the premises of any automotive repair garage,
- (2) A vehicle located at a licensed vehicle dealership or other licensed company maintaining its own maintenance and repair facilities;
- (3) Vehicle being offered for sale by any licensed vehicle dealer;
- (4) Vehicle which is used only on the property of owner and for which no license is required by the State of Maryland, provided said vehicle is not parked or stored in the front yard.
- (5) Any vehicle licensed as antique or historic must provide to the Town of Sharptown proof of current tag registration.

(6) Vehicle being repaired or rebuilt by the owner of the property upon which the vehicle is located, provided the owner shall first obtain from the Town Clerk a sixty (60) day non-renewable license with the payment of a license fee to be determined by resolution of the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown. Only one (1) license shall be issued to each property owner each year. Proof of vehicle ownership and property ownership will be required prior to issuance of a sixty (60) non-renewable license.

C. Enforcement: The Town Code enforcement officer shall, upon discovery that any vehicle is being kept, maintained or stored within the limits of the Town of Sharptown are in violation of this ordinance, notify the owner of the property on which said vehicle is kept, maintained or stored by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, that a vehicle is being maintained on said property in violation of this ordinance. The notice shall state that the vehicle shall be removed from the property within twenty (20) days from the date of such notice. Failure to comply with the removal notice will result in a municipal infraction being issued in accordance with Sharptown Ordinance No. 39 to the owner the property. If the owner of the real property shall begin erection of a storage garage within the twenty (20) day period, enforcement hereof shall be suspended for one (1) period of forty-five (45) days to allow for completion of construction and storage of the vehicle.

D. Penalty. Any violation of provisions of this ordinance shall result in a fines in accordance with Sharptown Ordinance No. 39.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, that this amended ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THE ABOVE AMENDED ORDINANCE was introduced and read to the Commissioners of the Town of Sharptown, Maryland, at a meeting held on the 5th day of February, 2007, having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed at its meeting on the 19th day of February, 2007.

WITNESS:

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