

# JUNKED VEHICLES

I would assume that the image that pops into a person's mind when I mention the term "Junked Vehicle" would be that of an old rusty car or truck that is missing several pieces. It possibly conjures up the image of a vehicle that has obviously seen better days, and is headed for the scrap heap.

Well the term "Junked Vehicle", as defined in our code of ordinances, is actually any vehicle that is self-propelled and:

- 1.) does not have lawfully attached to it both an unexpired license plate, including annual registrations certificate, and a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate issued by the proper authority under the laws of the State of Texas;

**OR**

- 2.) Is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded; or has remained inoperable and not moved from the property upon which it has been parked for more than thirty (30) consecutive days. Movement shall not be deemed to have occurred unless said vehicle is operated upon a public street of the City of Meadows Place for a distance of at least five (5) miles, displaying a valid license numbered plate, registration certificate and a valid Texas inspection sticker.

Junked vehicles which are located in any place where they are visible from a public place or public right-of-way are declared to be detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public. Such junked vehicles tend to reduce the value of property, to invite vandalism, to create fire hazards, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, and are detrimental to the economic welfare of the City by producing urban blight which is adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of the City.

So just to sum things up; a vehicle that isn't registered or doesn't carry a current inspection (even when parked in your driveway) is not allowed within our city. To be driveway legal, the vehicle needs to be street legal.

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