

**CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE 01-24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 443, ARTICLE I JUNKED
VEHICLES AND APPLICANCES**

Upon review, recommendation, and consideration by the City of Prescott Common Council does ordain:

Section 1. Chapter 443, Article I is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 443, Article I shall be replaced as follows:

Article I Unsheltered Storage and Inoperable Vehicles

§ 443-1 Unsheltered Storage and Inoperable Vehicles

- A. **Purpose:** This section aims to address the dangers posed by unsheltered storage and inoperable or abandoned motor vehicles, as well as any other items that could endanger public health and safety.
- B. **Declaration:** Unsheltered storage of property items throughout the City obstructs traffic, diminishes property values, invites theft, poses fire and safety risks, disrupts public well-being, and worsens urban blight. The Council declares these conditions a public nuisance and must be regulated, abated, and prohibited to protect public health, safety, and welfare.
- C. **Prohibited Items:** This includes but is not limited to disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked, or wrecked motor vehicles, machinery, implements, equipment, appliances, or personal property that threatens appearance, public health, safety, and welfare.
- D. **Shelter Requirement:** Prohibited items must be stored in enclosed buildings or screened areas according to the L-6 landscaping requirements. Tarps or similar coverings are unacceptable forms of shelter.
- E. **General Prohibition:** No person shall place, store, maintain, or leave prohibited items in an unsheltered manner on any premises within the city limits.

§ 443-2 Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- A. **Disassembled, Inoperable, Junked or Wrecked Motor Vehicles, Truck Bodies, Tractors or Trailers** - Motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, farm machinery or trailers in such state of physical or mechanical

ruin as to be incapable of propulsion, being operated upon the public streets or highways or which is otherwise not in safe or legal condition for operation on public streets or highways due to missing or inoperative parts, flat or removed tires, expired or missing license plates or other defects.

- B. **Appliance** - Any stove, washer, refrigerator, or other appliance which is stored outside.
- C. **Motor Vehicle** - Is defined in § 340.01(35), Wis. Stats.
- D. **Unlicensed Motor Vehicles, Truck Bodies, Tractors or Trailers** - Motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors, recreational vehicles or trailers which do not bear lawful current license plates.
- E. **Personal Property** - Personal property encompasses movable belongings and assets owned by individuals or entities, excluding real estate.

§ 443-3 Exceptions

Authorized Storage - Exceptions include storage within enclosed buildings or screened in accordance with the L-6 landscaping requirements, legally operable vehicles used for lawful business in properly zoned areas with valid licenses, and legally operable and registered seasonal or recreational vehicles.

§ 443-4 Enforcement

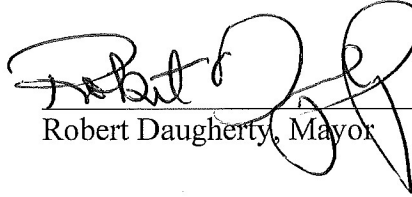
Notice and Citation - If prohibited items are found stored unlawfully, the city shall notify the property owner or tenant, providing 30 days for removal. Failure to comply may result in citation issuance as per Ordinance 1-4. Enforcement procedures will follow those outlined in Ordinance 410 regarding nuisances.

§ 443-5 Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall interfere with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this article and shall be found guilty thereof shall be subject to a penalty as provided in § 1-4 of this Code. Each disassembled, inoperable, unlicensed, junked, or wrecked motor vehicles, machinery, implements, equipment, appliances, or personal property involved shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

APPROVED:



Robert Daugherty, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rashel Temmers, City Clerk

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