



**Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
County Ordinance No. 2025-6**

**AN ORDINANCE, NO. 2025-6**

Amending and reenacting Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Inoperable, Abandoned, and Unattended Vehicles; Parking Violations; Division 3, Inoperable Motor Vehicles, Section 9-171, Notice of Violation, and Section 9-172, Removal and Disposal of Unclaimed Inoperable Motor Vehicles of the Code of the County of Amherst, Virginia.

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Approved as to form and legality by the Amherst County Attorney

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**FIRST READING: Board of Supervisors, September 2, 2025**  
**PUBLIC HEARING: Board of Supervisors, October 21, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors that there is an increase in the number of inoperable motor vehicles throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary for the health and welfare of the citizens of Amherst County to make certain revisions to the Amherst County Code to address this problem.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Amherst County Board of Supervisors that Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Inoperable, Abandoned, and Unattended Vehicles; Parking Violations; Division 3, Inoperable Motor Vehicles, Section 9-171, Notice of Violation, and Section 9-172, Removal and Disposal of Unclaimed Inoperable Motor Vehicles of the Amherst County Code are hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

**Sec. 9-171. Notice of violation.**

- (a) The owner of any property which contains an inoperable vehicle in violation of this division shall remove therefore, or otherwise bring such vehicle into compliance with the provisions of this division within ~~seven (7)~~ten (10) calendar days after receiving written notice of such violation.
- (b) Notice given pursuant to this section shall:
  - (1) Describe the year, make, model and serial number of the inoperable motor vehicle;
  - (2) Set forth that failure to abate the violation as set forth in Section 9-171(a) shall result in the removal of the inoperable vehicle to a designated location for a period of no longer than five (5) business days;
  - (23) State that failure to comply with the requirements of this division may result in the removal and disposal of the vehicle; reclaim the vehicle within those five (5) business days shall result in the disposal of the inoperable vehicle in accordance with Section 9-172(b); and

- (34) State that such removal and disposal may be at the expense of the owner of such inoperable motor vehicle or the owner of the property upon which such vehicle is located.
- (c) Notice given pursuant to this section shall:
- (1) Be posted in a conspicuous place on the property upon which the inoperable motor vehicle is located; and
  - (2) Be (i) given to the property owner in person, in which case an affidavit shall be completed by the person who delivers such notice attesting to the time and place of the giving of such notice and to whom it was given, or (ii) mailed by United States Postal Service mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner as set forth in the records of the treasurer.
- (d) Notice shall be deemed to have been received when received in person or upon receipt of a certified letter.
- (e) In the event that a notice cannot be delivered for any reason to the property owner in the manner set forth above, the sheriff shall cause the notice to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. Notice shall be deemed to have been received the day of such publication.

**Sec. 9-172. Removal and disposal of unclaimed inoperable motor vehicles.**

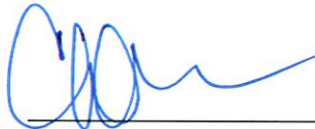
- (a) If a property owner fails to comply with the requirements of this division within the time specified in the notice, the sheriff may have the inoperable vehicle taken to an impound lot for storage and disposal.
- ~~(b) At the expiration of the ten (10) calendar day notice period set forth in Section 9-171(a) above, the Sheriff shall send a second notice advising that if not reclaimed Wwithin five (5) business days after removal of an inoperable motor vehicle to an impound lot, the sheriff shall have the inoperable motor vehicle demolished. shall give additional notice of such action to the owner of the subject property and, if different, the owner of record of the inoperable motor vehicle that has been taken into custody. The notice shall:~~
- ~~(1) Describe the year, make, model and serial number of the inoperable motor vehicle; and~~
  - ~~(2) Set forth the location of the facility where the inoperable motor vehicle is being held; and~~
  - ~~(3) Inform the owner of the owner's right to reclaim the inoperable motor vehicle within fifteen (15) days after the date of such notice upon payment of the cost of removal; and~~
  - ~~(4) State that the failure of the owner to exercise the owner's right to reclaim the inoperable motor vehicle within the time provided may result in the disposal of the inoperable motor vehicle; and~~
  - ~~(5) State that the owner of the inoperable motor vehicle, or the owner of the premises on which the inoperable motor vehicle was located at the time it was removed, may be liable for the costs of removal, storage, and disposal of the inoperable motor vehicle.~~
- (eb) As permitted pursuant to Section 46.2-1205 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), Tthe sheriff mayshall dispose of any inoperable vehicle to a demolisher if itthat is not reclaimed by its owner pursuant to the provisions of this division.
- ~~(d) If the value of any inoperable motor vehicle removed under the provisions of this division be determined by three (3) disinterested dealers or to be less than the costs of advertising and public sale, it may be disposed of by private sale or junked.~~
- ~~(e) If an inoperable motor vehicle is not reclaimed or disposed of as provided above, the sheriff shall sell it or cause it to be sold at public auction. The expenses of any auction, the cost of towing, preserving and storing the inoperable vehicle may be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale. Any remainder from the proceeds of sale shall be held for the owner of the inoperable motor vehicle or any person having security interests therein, as their interests may appear, for sixty (60) days, and shall thereafter be paid to the treasurer.~~



- (fc) The cost of the removal and disposal of an inoperable motor vehicle may be charged to the owner of such vehicle, or the owner of the property from which such vehicle was removed. The county may collect such costs in the same manner as taxes are collected.
- (gd) Any such costs assessed against the property from which the vehicle was removed shall constitute a lien against the property which shall continue until actual payment of such costs has been made to the county.

**§ 2. That this ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.**

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2025.




Claudia Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

**Member**

**Vote**

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair .....	<u>Aye</u>
Tom Martin, Vice-Chair.....	<u>Aye</u>
David W. Pugh, Jr. ....	<u>Aye</u>
Chris Adams .....	<u>Aye</u>
Drew Wade. ....	<u>Aye</u>

**ATTEST:**



Jeremy S. Bryant, Clerk  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors