



## COUNTY OF AMHERST



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### **Board Adds Civil Penalties to Inoperable, Abandoned, and Unattended Vehicle Ordinance**

At their May 17, 2022 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors adopted revisions to the County's Inoperable, Abandoned, and Unattended Vehicle ordinance to include civil penalties. The Board of Supervisors is committed to preserving the natural beauty of Amherst County. Due to the increase in complaints related to inoperable, abandoned, and unattended vehicles throughout the County, the Board members, voted to provide County staff with multiple tools for addressing the situation.

Imposing civil penalties will help county staff address the community's concerns. Those found violating the ordinance will face either a class 1 misdemeanor or be subject to a civil penalty of \$200.00 for the initial summons and \$500.00 for each additional summons. If three civil penalties are issued to the same defendant for similar violations within 24 months, a subsequent offense may be charged as a class 3 misdemeanor.

[The full ordinance can be found on the county webpage.](#)