

Chapter 17

FENCING – JUNKYARDS, SALVAGE YARDS, AUTO REPAIR & RECYCLING CENTERS

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A. Intent

The intent of this Section is to require junkyards, salvage yards, auto repair and recycling centers to be screened from view from public roads and adjacent properties. Throughout this document junkyards, salvage yards, auto repair and recycling centers shall be referred to as the “Property”. The purpose and objectives of this Ordinance as adopted and enacted are as follows:

1. To promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
2. To preserve the natural scenic beauty of areas in the vicinity of the state maintained public roads.
3. To protect the public from health nuisances and safety hazards by controlling vectors, concentrations or volatile or poisonous materials, and sources of danger to children.

B. Fencing

1. Shall be a continuous translucent, perforated barrier extending from the surface of the ground to a uniform height of not less eight (8) feet from the ground at all points, constructed of 9 gauge wire, with all post and top rails to meet “Schedule 40” requirements.
2. Posts are to be set at a minimum of ten (10) feet apart with two and one-half (2-1/2) inch corner posts with caps on all corner, end and line posts. All line and corner posts are to be set thirty (30) inches deep in the ground in a hole eight (8) inches in diameter filled with cement. The fence shall have number seven (#7) gauge tension wire attached to the fence with rings spaced approximately twenty-four (24) inches apart.
3. The fence shall be designed to withstand a minimum wind load of twenty pounds per square foot and shall be of a permanent nature. All materials used for fencing shall have a non-reflective surface.

C. Screening Required

Screening to the specifications required shall be required along the perimeter of every junkyard, salvage yard, auto and recycling centers in the following situations:

1. A solid opaque fence is to be used to satisfy the fencing requirement. It shall be of a uniform color scheme and geometric design.
2. The Property shall be entirely surrounded by a chain link fence a minimum of eight (8) feet in height (installed with opaque screening material) and with vegetation that provides a continuous all-seasons opaque screen at least eight feet in height within five years of planting or setting such vegetation. The fence shall remain in good repair.

D. Requirements For Effective Screening

Screens must be structurally sound and must have a neat, orderly, and uniform appearance structural soundness and a neat, orderly, and uniform appearance must continue to be maintained.

1. The visual screen shall extend from the ground to a height of eight (8) feet and shall completely enclose the property.
2. A screen must effectively conceal the Property from the view of the main traveled way of the controlling highway on a continual year-round basis.
3. Screens which provide a “see-through” effect when viewed from a moving vehicle do not provide effective concealment and are therefore prohibited.
4. Screen entrances must be constructed in a manner that precludes a direct view of the junk material within from the main traveled way, or, there must be entrance gates, which are capable of concealing the junk materials from view when closed.
5. Junk materials shall not be stacked or placed so as to be visible above the screen, nor shall junk materials be placed outside of the screened area so as to be visible from the main traveled way.
6. A plan for screening shall be submitted to the Butts County Community Development Department accompanied by an application for an initial permit and shall be in sufficient detail to demonstrate compliance with.
7. Persons owning, operating or maintaining a junkyard shall maintain the screening in a condition equal to the original installation of the screening.

E. Screening Materials

- 100% Polypropelene
- Color: Black
- Woven, 92% shade blockage
- Finished with brass tooth grommets spaced 18” apart on all sides
- Ultra-strong 6-ply construction and a reinforced back hem
- Center lacing lip
- Tensile Strength: 360X 190
- Tear Strength: 110 X 70

F. Failure Of Compliance

Persons owning, operating or maintaining a junkyard, salvage yard, auto repair and recycling center and failing to comply with any provision of these Rules and Regulations or the terms of the permit to operate a junkyard, salvage yard, auto repair and recycling center issued in accordance herewith shall have their permit revoked.

The Property will not be eligible for a new permit until such time as the violation of the Rules and Regulations and/or terms of the permit have been corrected and approved by the Butts County Community Development Department with the submission of a new application submitted with the appropriate annual fee.

Sec. 17-2. General Penalty

Whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the city any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful for an offense, or whenever in such Code or ordinance the doing of an act is required or the failure to do an act is declared to be unlawful, unless otherwise provided by state law, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this Code or any ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, and by imprisonment in the county or county jail not to exceed 60 days. Any one or more of these punishments may be inflicted, and the fines imposed therefor may be collected by execution. Each day any such violation shall continue shall be a separate offense.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

SO ADOPTED AND ORDAINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

Scott Chewning, Mayor

Catherine Watson, Mayor-Pro-Tem

Willie Morgan

Letha Kinard

Glorine Thurman

Thomas Douglas

ATTEST:

Annie Mitchell, City Clerk