

**Adopted July 3, 2001**

**ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

Purpose: It is found to be in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare that vehicles not be parked or abandoned in the roads, highways or right-of-ways of the County, as same constitutes a hazard to vehicular traffic generally and to law enforcement, medical, fire and emergency vehicles specifically and, pursuant thereto, the following Ordinance is enacted:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to park, abandon or leave unattended, a vehicle within a County road or State highway or within the right-of-way of either.

2. Any vehicle found in violation of this Ordinance shall be towed away to a "junkyard" at the expense of said owner and, if said expenses are not paid within ten (10) days of written notice to the owner, said vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and shall be disposed of as abandoned personal property in accordance to applicable State law.

3. Any person, firm or corporation in violation of this Ordinance, or any section thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.