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## JUNKYARD ORDINANCE

Village of Camden  
Hillsdale County, Michigan

### THE VILLAGE OF CAMDEN ORDAINS:

1. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

A. "Junk" shall be deemed to be any personal property which is, or may be, salvaged for reuse, resale, reduction or similar disposition, or which is possessed, stored, transported, owned, collected, accumulated, dismantled or assorted. Without limiting the aforesaid definition of junk, the term shall include used or salvaged iron, brass, lead, copper and other base metal or metals, and their compounds or combinations, used or salvaged rope, bags, paper, rags, glass, rubber, rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage and similar articles of property, and used motor vehicles or parts of motor vehicles which are used, owned or possessed for the purpose of storage, wrecking or the purpose of salvaging parts therefrom.

B. "Junkyard" means an establishment or place of business which is maintained, operated or used for storing, keeping, buying or selling junk or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard, including garbage dumps and sanitary fills.

C. "Automobile Graveyard" means any establishment, place of business or area of more than 400 square feet which is maintained, used or operated for storing, keeping, buying or selling wrecked, scrapped, ruined or dismantled motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts, but does not include uses established entirely within enclosed buildings.

2. No person shall maintain or operate a junkyard or automobile graveyard without first obtaining a license therefor. Application for such license shall be made to the Village Clerk in manner and form as specified by the Clerk. The applicant shall state his name, whether a firm, person, corporation or agent, the place or places at which the business is to be, or is conducted or maintained, the material proposed to be used for the required fence and the applicant's residence for a period of three (3) years preceding such application.

After receipt of such application, the application shall be submitted to the Village Council at its next meeting for action as to whether or not the license shall be granted.

3. The applicant shall submit with his application a fee of \$50.00 for the initial application and \$25.00 for each subsequent application for obtaining the junkyard or automobile graveyard license as set forth herein and all licenses issued hereunder shall expire on December 31st of each year hereafter.

4. Every applicant seeking to establish a junkyard or an automobile graveyard in a location not previously used for that purpose, or any licensee seeking to move or establish a junkyard or automobile graveyard in a location not previously used for that purpose must first obtain the consent in writing of fifty-five per cent of the owners of residential properties within 500 feet of any part of the area in which the proposed business is to be conducted. Such area shall include any portion to be used for the storage of any property in connection with such business.

5. No persons shall maintain a junkyard or automobile graveyard within the Village unless such business is carried on entirely inside a building or buildings, or unless the premises are enclosed, except for gates in places of ingress, by a fence not less than eight feet in height with the fence to be on all sides of the premises. The fence referred to herein shall be constructed from a material approved by the Village Council, which material shall obstruct the view of the premises, block access to the premises and shall be of a material and color which is compatible with the structures and terrain in the area. In the event that the premises are screened or blocked by natural objects or plantings so as to accomplish the same purpose as that of a fence, the Village Council may waive the fencing requirements herein stated.

6. All entrances to the junkyard or automobile graveyard shall be placed so as not to interfere with the traffic on the public highways of the Village. No parking by business patrons of the licensee shall be allowed in the public rights of way of the public highways of the Village.

7. The minimum lot size of each junkyard or automobile graveyard which is not enclosed in a building or buildings shall be at least five acres.

8. No junkyard or automobile graveyard shall be operated or used so as to create a nuisance by reason of noise, disagreeable odors, fumes, filth or loose debris.

9. The junkyard or automobile graveyard shall not be operated so that the air of any property owner in the vicinity is polluted by the burning of rubber or other substances.

10. All persons having a license under this Ordinance shall comply with all the rules, regulations and laws of the State of Michigan or other governmental regulations relating to the operation of their business.

11. No licensee under this Ordinance shall purchase, receive or take any junk from any person under the age of seventeen years or from intoxicated persons or from any persons known by reputation or suspected by him to be a thief or any associate of thieves or receiver of stolen property.

12. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail of Hillsdale County for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction, together with court costs. Each day a violation of this Ordinance is maintained shall be considered as a separate offense.

13. This Ordinance shall take effect September 29, 1987.

THIS ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF CAMDEN AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1987.

  
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Patsy Kowitz  
Village Clerk