

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF JUNKED VEHICLE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW; CREATING A MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Canton and the Texas Legislature have previously determined that junked vehicles that are visible from public places or the public right-of-way are detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public, tend to reduce the value of private property, invite vandalism, create a fire hazard, are an attractive nuisance, produce urban blight, and are a public nuisance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Canton definition of "junked motor vehicle" includes a reference to a state inspection sticker; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas has eliminated the use of state inspection stickers, effective March 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the City's definition should be consistent with that of the state.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS:**

**I.**

That Section 93.16 of the City of Canton Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

**§93.16 DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**JUNKED VEHICLE.** A vehicle that is self-propelled and:

(1) Does not have lawfully attached to it

(a) unexpired license plate; and

(2) Is:

(a) Wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded; or

(b) Inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:

1. Seventy-two consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property;

2. Thirty consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

**VEHICLE.**

(1) Any motor driven or propelled vehicle, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, buses, motor homes, motorized campers, tractors and construction equipment and machinery;

(2) Any trailer or semitrailer, other than manufactured housing, including but not limited to boat trailers, travel trailers;

(3) Any four-wheel all-terrain vehicle designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use;

(4) Any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped;

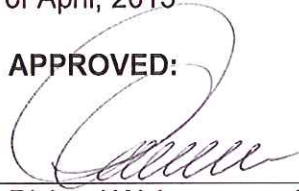
(5) Any recreational conveyances including but not limited to boats, dune buggies; or

(6) Any motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to the Texas Certificate of Title Act, Tex. Trans. Code, §§ 501.001 et seq..

**VEHICLE ACCESSORIES.** Any part or parts of any vehicle.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2015

APPROVED:



Richard W. Lawrence, Mayor  
City of Canton

ATTEST:

  
Debra Johnson, City Secretary