

## **Vehicle Regulation Ordinance 10-02     Chapter 43**

### **Section 1: Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town of Morrison to regulate and prohibit junked, hazardous, and abandoned motor vehicles on public and private property to maintain public safety and cleanliness.

### **Section 2: Definitions**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- **Abandoned Motor Vehicle:** A vehicle left unattended in a way that suggests abandonment, including:
  1. On any public street, highway, or private property for more than **48 hours** without permission.
  2. On Town-owned property for more than **24 hours**.
  3. On private property without consent for more than **two hours**.
- **Hazardous Motor Vehicle:** Any vehicle that creates health or safety hazards, including serving as a breeding ground for pests, accumulating stagnant water, leaking hazardous materials, or posing structural risks.
- **Junked Motor Vehicle:** Any vehicle that is non-operational, partially dismantled, or missing essential parts, and does not display a valid license plate.
- **Motor Vehicle:** Any self-propelled device intended for transportation.
- **Owner:** Any individual or entity holding legal title to the vehicle.

### **Section 3: Determination of Junked Vehicle**

The Town Board or its designee shall evaluate vehicles based on missing parts, flat tires, structural condition, or any evidence indicating non-use or abandonment.

**Exceptions:** This ordinance does not apply to:

1. Vehicles stored in enclosed buildings.
2. Vehicles held by licensed businesses for sale, repair, or restoration.
3. Vehicles stored in a lawful storage facility.
4. Licensed antique or collector's vehicles undergoing active restoration.

### **Section 4: General Parking Restrictions**

It shall be unlawful to leave a vehicle:

1. On any public street or highway for longer than 48 hours.
2. On Town-owned property for longer than 24 hours.
3. On private property without consent for longer than two hours.

## **Section 5: Abandoned, Junked, and Hazardous Motor Vehicles**

1. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a motor vehicle or the owner, lessee, or occupant of the property where the vehicle is located to allow an abandoned, junked, or hazardous motor vehicle to remain on the premises.
2. Such vehicles are deemed a public nuisance and may be subject to removal.

## **Section 6: Parking on Public Streets and Property**

1. No person shall leave a partially dismantled, non-operational, wrecked, or junked vehicle on any street, highway, or public property in the Town of Morrison.

### **A. Stopping, Standing, or Parking within the lane of travel**

1. No vehicle shall be left standing on a highway when it is practical to park off the roadway, unless:
  - o A clear lane of 500 feet in each direction is maintained for traffic.
  - o The vehicle remains on the shoulder area.
2. This regulation also applies to highway maintenance or construction vehicles, except when necessary for their work.

### **B. Bicycle Lanes**

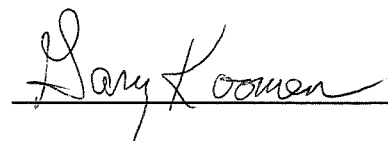
It is unlawful to operate, park, or leave a motor vehicle in any designated bicycle lane within the Town of Morrison.

## **Section 7: Violations and Penalties**

1. Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to fines in accordance with the Town Fee Schedule and shall be responsible for all costs associated with vehicle removal and disposal.
2. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
3. This section shall not preclude the Town of Morrison from maintaining any appropriate action to prevent or remove a violation of this chapter.

## **Section 8: Effective Date and Publication.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon amendment and publication as required under Wis. Stat. 60.80. Amended this 13 day of May 2025.

  
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Gary Koomen, Chairman

  
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Attested by: Colleen Magley Town Clerk