



§500-111 Junkyards Updated old §500-46

This §500-111 shall apply to junkyards and changes and expansions of junkyards.

- A. Property Owner Responsibility. It shall be the ultimate responsibility of the property owner of the premises upon which any junk is situated and the owner of any such junk to comply with this chapter; and to provide for the removal of such junk and remediation of any environmental problems associated with any junk.
- B. Operating Standards. All junkyards shall be established, maintained, and operated in accord with the following standards:
 - (1) Minimum Parcel Size. The minimum parcel size for a junkyard shall be 10 acres.
 - (2) Federal and State Regulations. Any junkyard located adjacent to a Federal Aid Highway shall comply with all regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, and all junkyards shall meet the licensing and screening requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
 - (3) Fencing. All junkyards shall be completely enclosed by a chain link fence not less than eight feet in height.

All fences and gates shall be maintained in good repair and in such a manner as not to become unsightly. There shall be no advertising of any kind placed on the fence. The foregoing fencing provisions shall be applicable only to that portion of the premises to be used for the storage of junk and shall not be applicable to the balance of the property owned or used by said junkyard operator so long as said remaining portion of land is not being used for the storage of junk.

- (4) Screening. All junkyards shall be screened, to the satisfaction of the Borough, from any adjoining or neighboring property, any public road right-of-way, or any other premises; and, natural vegetative cover shall be maintained in all required setback areas. Vegetative plantings of sufficient height and density, berms, topography or fencing of such design may be used to effect the required screening as determined by the Borough. All screening shall be maintained in such fashion as to continue to provide the required screening.
- (5) Setbacks. The fence enclosing any junkyard and any structures associated with the junkyard shall be located not less than 50 feet from any public road right-of-way and any property line.
- (6) Dumping. The area used for a junkyard shall not be used as a dump area for any solid waste as defined by this chapter.
- (7) Burning. No burning whatsoever shall be permitted on the premises
- (8) Water Bodies. No junkyard shall be located less than 200 feet from any body of water, stream, wetland or well.
- (9) Hazardous Materials. All batteries, coolants, gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil, any other petroleum or flammable products and any other noxious or potentially contaminating materials must be removed from all junk within two working days after arrival to the premises and shall be disposed of in a manner meeting all state and federal requirements. Such liquids and materials, while stored on the premises, shall be kept separately in leak-proof containers at a central location on the premises.
- (10) Water Quality. In cases where the junkyard includes 10 or more junk vehicles or where the Borough deems it necessary to meet the intent of this chapter, the owner of any junkyard shall be required to monitor the ground and surface water in the vicinity of the junkyard. Water testing shall be conducted every three months on any stream located on the premises or any stream within 500 feet of any area used for the storage of junk if water drainage from the junkyard area is to said stream. For each testing period two samples shall be collected; one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point upstream of the junkyard drainage area and one sample shall be taken from the stream at a point below the junkyard drainage area. In addition, the well located on the premises shall also be sampled every three months. The samples shall be collected and analyzed by a certified water analysis laboratory for hydrocarbons or other parameters deemed appropriate by the Borough, and results shall be provided to the Borough. If said samples exceed the limits established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the junkyard shall cease operation until such time as the source of the contamination has been identified and corrected in accord with DEP requirements.
- (11) Junk Arrangement; Fire Lanes. The manner of storage and arrangement of junk, and the drainage facilities of the premises shall be such as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water upon the premises and to facilitate easy access for firefighting purposes. Fire lanes of a minimum width of 12 feet shall be maintained so that no area of junk shall span a distance of more than 50 feet. All fire lanes, aisles or roadways must be kept clear and vacant at all times.

- (12) Hours of Operation. Any activity associated with the operation of the junkyard that produces any noise audible beyond the property line shall be conducted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. During business hours, an adult attendant shall, at all times, remain on the premises
- (13) Stacking of Junk. Junk vehicles or major parts thereof shall not be stacked on top of any other junk vehicle or major part. No junk shall be stacked or piled to a height of greater than six feet.
- (14) Nuisances. All premises shall, at all times, be maintained so as not to constitute a nuisance, or a menace to the health, safety, and welfare of the community or to the residents nearby, or a place for the breeding of rodents and vermin. Within two days of arrival on the premises, all glass shall be removed from any broken windshield, window or mirror, and all trunk lids, appliance doors and similar closure devices shall be removed. Grass and weeds on the premises shall be kept mowed.
- (15) Waste. All rags, bottles, scrap paper and other waste shall be kept within inside a building constructed of fire resistant material and no garbage or other organic wastes shall be stored in such premises. and shall not be accumulated or remain on any premises except temporarily awaiting disposal in accord with this chapter. No junkyard shall be operated or maintained in violation of any state or federal regulations governing the disposal of any solid or liquid waste
- (16) Fire Resistant Structures. Every structure erected upon the premises and used in connection therewith shall be of fire resistant construction.