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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville: Art. I, 10-4-82 as HB No. 21-82; Art. II, 12-1-69. Section 113-4 added at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Other amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

- Municipal infractions - See Ch. 20.
- Police Department - See Ch. 30.
- Peace and good order - See Ch. 87.
- Streets and sidewalks - See Ch. 105.
- Vehicles and traffic - See Ch. 114.
- Zoning - See Ch. 120.

**ARTICLE I**  
**Junked Vehicles**

[Adopted 10-4-82 as HB No. 21-82]

**§ 113-1. Junked vehicles. [Amended 12-3-07 by HO-2007-14]**

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to junk any vehicle at any place within the city, nor shall any owner, lessee or custodian in charge of any lot, field, road, street, lane or other property permit any junked vehicle to remain on such property within the city except in an enclosed garage.

B. Presumption; exempt properties. [Amended 5-5-86 by HB No. 4-86]

(1) For the purpose of this Article, any partially dismantled or substantially damaged, inoperable vehicle or one that is unlicensed or bearing an expired license shall be presumed to have been junked.

(2) Properties exempt from this Article are: licensed motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle mechanical or body repair facilities and towing storage compounds. However, such vehicle must be stored on the licensed property and fenced to shield the vehicle from view. Storage of any vehicle shall be limited to no more than ninety (90) days, in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-107.1(a) 253.3 of the Prince George's County Code.

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C. Under the authority of this Article, any sworn police officer of the City of Hyattsville or the Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Hyattsville may impound the junked vehicle, after first attaching a police notice on the presumed junked vehicle which shall state, in part, "The attached vehicle is presumed junked. If not removed or brought into compliance with §113-1 of the City Code within forty-eight (48) hours from the date upon this notice, this vehicle shall be impounded and sent to a scrap processor. Likewise, the vehicle owner will be held liable for all towing, storage, preservation and all other charges relating to the disposition of the vehicle."

D. The Chief of Police for the city shall have the authority to extend the forty-eight-hour period before impoundment for a time not to exceed thirty (30) days, upon receipt of a written statement setting forth the reasons for requesting such extension; the Mayor and Council shall also have the authority to extend the forty-eight-hour period for any definite time in excess of thirty (30) days, upon receipt of a written statement setting forth the reasons for requesting such extension. [Added 8-1-83 by HB No. 9-83]

E. Violations of this section shall be punishable as a municipal infraction as provided in Chapter 20 of this Code. The fine for any single violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.), and the fine for each repeat offense shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.). [Amended 5-5-86 by HB No. 4-86, amended 6-1-98 by HR 98-03, amended 9-21-98 by HR 98-06, amended 12-3-07 by O-2007-14]

## ARTICLE II

### Repairs

[Adopted 12-1-69]

#### **§ 113-2. Maintenance or repair of motor vehicles restricted in residential areas.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to perform automotive repair or maintenance on any motor vehicle in an area zoned for detached single-family or multifamily dwelling units in the city, except under the following condition: Any person may perform automotive maintenance or repair work on a currently licensed motor vehicle titled in his name or in the name of a member of his family, provided that such work shall be done on the premise of his residence, and provided, further, that such work shall not be performed in violation of any other city or county ordinance.

#### **§ 113-3. Maintenance or repair of combustion engines restricted in residential areas. [Added 3-16-70]**

It shall be unlawful for any person to perform repairs or maintenance on any combustion engine in an area zoned for detached single-family or multiple-family dwelling units in the city, except under the following conditions: Any person may perform maintenance or repair work on a combustion engine owned by a resident or a member of his family, provided that such work shall be done on the premises of his residence, and provided, further, that such work shall not be performed in violation of any other city ordinance.

#### **§ 113-4. Violations and penalties. [Amended 6-1-98 by HR 98-03, amended 7-16-01 by HB No. 01-03]**

Violations of this Article shall be punishable as a municipal infraction as provided on Chapter 20 of this Code. The fine for any single initial violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.), and the fine for each repeat of that offense shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.).