

## WHAT IS AN ILLEGAL VEHICLE?

- *A vehicle that is unregistered, abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, or parts thereof, found on private or public property.*

## PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING ABANDONED VEHICLES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### Vehicles may be considered abandoned if:

- They are parked on the street and have not been moved in three days (72 hrs), or they are parked in the street or in a driveway and are not in operating condition (i.e. has no wheels, no engine, cobwebs, broken glass, up on blocks, etc...)
- They are parked on dirt or lawn areas
- They are parked and do not have a current license or registration

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A BASIC GUIDE TO  
ABANDONED, WRECKED,  
INOPERATIVE, AND  
ILLEGALLY PARKED  
VEHICLES IN  
THE CITY OF FOLSOM



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**FOLSOM**  
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE

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**Vehicles considered abandoned may be towed by the appropriate authority. The information below explains the procedure for reporting abandoned vehicles in your neighborhood. When reporting an abandoned vehicle, be sure to note:**

- The location of the vehicle, along with the nearest cross street
- The vehicle license number
- A description of the vehicle

### **The "REASONABLE PERSON" test**

In some cases it is not easy to determine whether or not a vehicle is inoperative or abandoned. It visually appears to be complete? In such case, the Code Enforcement Officer will use the "Reasonable Person" test.

- Does the vehicle have current registration?
- Is the vehicle extremely dirty?
- Are cobwebs present in the wheel wells, in the engine compartment, inside the vehicle, or from the underside of the vehicle to the ground?

- Is there junk in the vehicle?
- Are the tires flat?
- Are there weeds growing up around the vehicle which may indicate the vehicle has not been moved in a long time?
- Is the property on which the vehicle is located occupied or is it vacant?

### **Vehicles that are exempt from enforcement action:**

- A vehicle that is currently registered, complete and operational.
- A vehicle, or parts thereof, which is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property.
- A vehicle, or parts thereof, which is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property; i.e. in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer, a junk dealer, or when such storage or parking is necessary or approved for the operation of a lawfully conducted business, home occupation or commercial enterprise.
- Any utility trailer, recreational trailer or boat on a public roadway that is attached to the tow vehicle.

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To report an abandoned vehicle in the City of Folsom, or if you have any other questions regarding Code Enforcement call (916) 355-7229.

Either a Code Enforcement Officer or a member of the Folsom Police Department will investigate each complaint.

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