Contact Code Enforcement

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To Report a Concern Regarding a Possible Violation of Local Codes:
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Vehicle Abatement
(Public Right-Of-Way)

Code Enforcement Mission:
To promote and maintain a high quality of life where people live and work.
What is the On-Street Vehicle Abatement Program?
Sacramento County has adopted an ordinance to abate (remove) vehicles which have been deemed a public nuisance. Nuisance vehicles include abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, and inoperative vehicles.

The California Vehicle Code allows County Governments to establish procedures for the abatement and removal of vehicles, or parts thereof, from the public right-of-way. It also allows for the recovery of costs associated with vehicle abatement.

(See Sacramento County Code Section 6.56 and Section 22660 of the California Vehicle Code)

What Does the County Remove Vehicles?

Dismantled shall mean the condition of a vehicle which has been taken apart, or disassembled into pieces, and/or stripped, or otherwise deprived of any of its integral parts or equipment.

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(See Section 6.56.120 of the Sacramento County Code)

What is an Abandoned Vehicle?

Abandoned is the status of a vehicle when the vehicle owner has ceased to assert or exercise any interest, right or title to such vehicle.

(See Section 6.56.110 of the Sacramento County Code)

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What is an Inoperative Vehicle?

Inoperative refers to the condition of a vehicle which is physically incapable of working, functioning, or otherwise operating.

(See Section 6.56.130 of the Sacramento County Code)

What is a Wrecked Vehicle?

A wrecked vehicle consists of disordered or broken remains, or which has been brought to a physically impaired or unsound condition, or other ruinous state by reason of collision, crash or other forceful impact.

(See Section 6.56.140 of the Sacramento County Code)

What is the 72-Hour Parking Rule?

No person shall park or store a vehicle upon any highway or alley for more than seventy-two consecutive hours, or move and re-park such vehicle on any highway within three hundred feet of the original parking site, unless such vehicle is maintained in an operable condition and was actually driven.

(See Section 10.24.070 of the Sacramento County Code)

Sacramento County Abatement Procedures

1. A complaint is received.
2. An Officer investigates the complaint:
   a. If there is no violation, the case is closed.
   b. If the vehicle is gone on arrival, the case is closed.
   c. If the vehicle is abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled, the vehicle is posted with a 72 hour notice of intent to abate (remove).
   d. If the vehicle poses a threat to safety, the vehicle may be immediately towed.
3. Upon re-inspection,
   a. If the vehicle is brought into voluntary compliance, the case is closed.
   b. If the vehicle has not been brought into compliance, the vehicle may be towed and fees imposed.

(See Section 6.56.130 of the Sacramento County Code)

Code Enforcement’s Goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the County codes, we can help you clean up your neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

Together, we can help reduce crime and poverty, protect the health and well-being of our residents, and help maintain property values. When you purchased your home, business, or property, you made an investment in not only in the property itself, but you also invested in the community.

As a property owner, you can positively impact your property and community by adhering to the County codes, keeping your property tidy, and reporting those who do not; thus, preserving and enhancing your community for future generations.

How You Can Help?

- Keep automobile repair limited to personal, minor repair.
- Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.
- Fence or board properties that might attract trespassers or vandals.
- Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.
- Park in designated parking.
- Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.
- Do not tolerate illicit activity.
- Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.
- Report violations and nuisances.

This is Your Community! Let’s work together to keep it clean and safe!

Report Your Concerns: Call 311