

## CHAPTER 8

### Licensing of Junk Dealers; Junk Storage and Motor Vehicle Salvage Business

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#### **SEC. 7-8-1 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Chapter:

- (a) "Junk Dealer" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of collecting, peddling, dealing in or storing waste paper, rags, old metals or other material commonly known as junk.
- (b) "Motor Vehicle Salvage Business" means the business of dealing in, breaking up or storing dismantled or salvaged motor vehicles.

#### **SEC. 7-8-2 LICENSE REQUIRED.**

- (a) No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business as junk dealer or store junk or engage in the motor vehicle salvage business or store junked automobiles in the Town of Caledonia without first having obtained a license from the Town Board of the Town of Caledonia to carry on such business.
- (b) Application for such license shall be made on forms to be furnished by the Town Clerk and shall state the name of the applicant, the location of his place of business and of his shop or yard, the quantity of storage to be established and maintained, and the manner of storage to be established and maintained. Such application shall also bear a sketch or map showing the proposed location, the distance from such location to the nearest corporate limits of any city or village, and the distance from such location to the nearest town, county, state trunk or federal highway located in the area. The Town Board may require such additional information as it deems pertinent to the issuance of the license.

**SEC. 7-8-3 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE; FEE.**

Upon being satisfied that the proposed junk yard or motor vehicle salvage yard will be established and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin and the regulations and standards established herein and will not be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Caledonia and its citizens, the Town Board shall issue a license to operate said business for a period of one (1) year. Said license shall be signed by the Town Chairperson and the Town Clerk and shall specify the quantity and manner of storing junk or junked automobiles, or parts thereof, or both, as the case may be. Such license, however, shall be issued only upon the payment to the Town Clerk by the applicant of the annual license fee in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

**SEC. 7-8-4 PROHIBITED LOCATIONS.**

No accumulation of junk, no operation of the business of junk dealer, no storage of salvaged motor vehicles, or parts thereof, no operation of the motor vehicle salvage business shall be allowed within two thousand (2,000) feet outside of the corporate limits of any city or village abutting and adjacent to the Town of Caledonia, or within seven hundred fifty (750) feet from the centerline of any town, county, state trunk or federal highway.

**SEC. 7-8-5 REGULATIONS OF LICENSED OPERATORS.**

- (a) Every premises or enclosure, except a completely enclosed building, used in the conduct of the business proposed to be licensed hereunder which abuts on or faces residential properties shall be enclosed by a tight fence or wall not less than six (6) feet nor more than eight (8) feet in height, erected in such manner as to obstruct the premises from public view. In all other cases, the Town Board may require such fences or screens be constructed and established as it deems proper to hide or screen the operation and yard. All such fences or screens shall be maintained by the licensee at all times in good condition. In the event such junk yard is located in an area where the same is not exposed to the public view, the Town Board shall have the right of waiving the requirements herein stated.
- (b) No license shall be issued, except the storage or business be in accordance with the Racine County Zoning Ordinance as applicable to the Town of Caledonia.
- (c) A licensee shall operate his junk or storage business in accord with all governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable thereto.
- (d) No licensee shall cause any such junk or salvaged motor vehicles to be disposed of by burying or covering the same with dirt without having obtained a license to operate a sanitary landfill from all requisite governmental bodies.
- (e) No licensee shall store or dispose of garbage, decomposable or toxic materials at the licensed site.

**SEC. 7-8-6 TERM OF LICENSE.**

- (a) Every license shall be issued for the term of one (1) year and shall be renewed annually upon the filing of an application substantially in compliance with the form prescribed for the original application and the granting of a license by the Town Board as aforesaid.
- (b) Commencing with the year 1965, each and every license issued hereunder shall expire at midnight on June 30th, and any new license issued pursuant to the terms hereof shall commence as of July 1.

**SEC. 7-8-7 REVOCATION; SUSPENSION.**

Any annual license issued by the Town Board may be revoked or suspended for cause by the Town Board at any time. Prior to revocation or suspension of any license, the Town Board shall notify the licensee that a hearing will be held by said Town Board. Such hearing shall be based upon a complaint in writing duly signed and verified by a complainant. The complaint shall state the nature of any alleged failure on the part of the licensee to comply with this Section or any of the standards or regulations therein contained. Such complaint shall be served, together with notice of hearing, upon the licensee at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing.

**SEC. 7-8-8 EXEMPTIONS.**

Any person, firm or corporation legally engaged at the time of the adoption of this Chapter in the accumulating or storing and leaving accumulated or stored junk or junked automobiles, or parts thereof, within two thousand (2,000) feet outside the corporate limits of any city or village abutting on or adjacent to the Town of Caledonia, or within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of the centerline of any town, county, state trunk, or federal highway in the Town of Caledonia, may, upon application to the Town of Caledonia, showing such facts, be granted a license for such place for the accumulation or storage or the maintaining of the businesses herein licensed, notwithstanding the provisions hereof, provided that such applicant complies with all rules and regulations herein contained.