

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG
TOWN OF LYMAN

ORDINANCE NO. 04132026-126

AMENDING THE TOWN OF LYMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 816 (PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES), TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR DERELICT VEHICLES; AND REPEALING SECTION 22-29 DUE TO CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyman seeks to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that existing provisions within the Code of Ordinances related to inoperative and unlicensed vehicles are duplicative and, in some cases, conflicting; and

WHEREAS, Town Council desires to establish clear, consistent, and enforceable standards governing derelict vehicles on residential property; and

WHEREAS, Town Council finds it appropriate to amend Article VIII, Section 816 of the Town Code and repeal Section 22-29 to eliminate redundancy and conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Lyman, South Carolina, as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 816

Article VIII, Section 816 of the Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances, entitled "Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles," is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 816. – Derelict Vehicles on Residential Property

(a) Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any property within the Town limits of Lyman, South Carolina, to allow a derelict vehicle to remain on property which they own or control for more than fifteen (15) days after receiving notice that a derelict vehicle is located thereon.

(b) Definition

For purposes of this section, the term "derelict vehicle" means a motor vehicle:

1. Which does not have a current motor vehicle license and for which applicable property taxes have not been paid;
2. Which is partially dismantled, wrecked, or incapable of self-propulsion or being moved in the manner for which it was originally intended;
3. Whose registered or legal owner of record disclaims ownership or releases their rights thereto; or
4. Which has been left on private property without the consent of the owner, occupant, or lessee thereof for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.

(c) Exceptions

This section shall not apply to:

1. A motor vehicle located on a lot in compliance with the Town's Land Development Regulations or stored within a three (3) or more sided garage or building;
2. One (1) motor vehicle per residential property undergoing maintenance, repair, or restoration for a period not to exceed three (3) months, provided that:
 - The Town may issue a tag indicating the date of commencement and deadline for completion; and
 - The vehicle complies with subsection (i) regarding screening and maintenance.

(d) Tagging and Notice of Derelict Vehicles

When a motor vehicle is determined to be derelict and the Town has provided the required fifteen (15) day notice:

1. The Town shall place a visible tag on the vehicle indicating it is considered derelict and subject to removal;
2. The vehicle may be towed seven (7) days after the tag has been placed if not brought into compliance;

If the owner is known:

3. Notice shall be sent by regular mail to the last known registered owner stating that the vehicle must be removed within seven (7) days after tagging or it may be towed;

If the owner is unknown:

4. Notice shall be given by publication one time in a newspaper of general

circulation in Spartanburg County, which shall be deemed sufficient notice;

5. Fifteen (15) days after publication, the vehicle may be towed.

(e) Towing and Storage

Vehicles removed pursuant to this section shall:

1. Be released to the owner upon payment of all applicable towing and storage costs;
2. If unclaimed, be disposed of in accordance with applicable law, with proceeds applied to the costs of tagging, towing, and storage.

(f) Fees

The Town Administrator may establish fees associated with enforcement of this section, including:

1. Tagging and administrative fees;
2. Vehicle towing fees;
3. Vehicle storage fees.

Such fees shall be established by contract with a towing provider or by resolution of Town Council.

(g) Towing Services

The Town Administrator is authorized to contract with independent contractor(s) to perform towing and storage services.

If a vehicle is unclaimed, the contractor may dispose of the vehicle, with proceeds applied first to towing and storage costs and then to any applicable Town fees.

(h) Violations and Interference

Any person, firm, corporation, or agent who removes, defaces, or destroys any tag placed on a derelict vehicle or interferes with or prevents the removal, towing, or storage of a derelict vehicle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

(i) Screening and Maintenance

Vehicles undergoing repair, maintenance, or restoration shall:

1. Be located so as not to be readily visible from any public place;
2. Be maintained such that grass and weeds do not exceed twelve (12) inches in height around the vehicle;
3. Not be used for storage or contain household rubbish or debris.

(j) Variances / Administrative Exceptions

The Town Administrator, Zoning Administrator, or their designee may grant

variances or administrative exceptions from the provisions of this section for good cause shown.

(k) Responsibility

The property owner, tenant, occupant, and/or person in control of the property may be held jointly and severally responsible for violations of this section.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF SECTION 22-29

Section 22-29 of the Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety, as it conflicts with the provisions adopted herein.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon second reading and adoption by Town Council.

SO ORDAINED this 13 day of July, 2026.

TOWN OF LYMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA



Mayor David Petty

ATTEST:



Candace Brock, Town Clerk