

Sec. 12.03.009 **Parking of inoperative vehicles; storing of vehicles on right-of-way**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to store or allow the storage of any vehicle upon the public streets, alleys, sidewalks or parkways of the city.

(b) For purposes of this section, a vehicle shall be considered stored if it has remained parked at or nearly at the same location for a continuous period of time in excess of five (5) days. A stored vehicle is deemed to be a vehicle which is illegally parked on public property, and such vehicle shall be subject to removal and disposal as an abandoned vehicle in accordance with this article and state law.

(c) No vehicle that is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, abandoned, inoperable or unlicensed may remain on any property (improved or unimproved) (i) such that any portion of it is visible from any street in excess of thirty (30) days, or (ii) is located on a public street in excess of fifteen (15) days. For the purposes of this section, a vehicle without current registration will be deemed to be an unlicensed vehicle. Placing a cover over a vehicle does not abate the violation or render a vehicle as not visible. This section shall not apply to a vehicle parked at a business in an area or district zoned for commercial or industrial uses and the vehicle is kept or stored on the property in conjunction with the operation of the business and in compliance with all other ordinances of the city.

(Ordinance 0093-01, sec. 93.060, adopted 3/14/17)

State law references—Regulation of abandoned and junked motor vehicles, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 683.001 et seq.; junked vehicles, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code, sec. 683.071 et seq

Sec. 12.03.013 **Tow-away zones**

In addition to signs regulating stopping, standing or parking of motor vehicles upon any public street or highway within the city or on any city property or parking lot, the director of public works may, in his discretion, supplement any such sign with an additional sign designating a tow-away zone. Such signs shall include the parking restriction and read substantially, "tow-away zone". The use of signs designating a tow-away zone shall not prohibit the removal by the city of any vehicle found in any other area if such removal is allowed by this article or state statute. Any vehicle found in a tow-away zone may be towed away and impounded by the city or its duly authorized representative in accordance with the procedures established in [section 12.03.014](#). (Ordinance 0093-01, sec. 93.100, adopted 3/14/17; Ordinance adopting Code)

Sec. 12.03.014 **Towing and impoundment of certain vehicles authorized**

(a) Any vehicle found on any public street or other public place under any circumstances hereinafter set forth shall be deemed to be a nuisance per se, and may be towed away and impounded in the manner herein provided (provided, however, that such listed circumstances shall not be deemed exclusive or prohibit such towing and impoundment in any circumstances not listed):

(8) When any vehicle is stored on the public street, sidewalk, parkway or alley, according to the terms of [section 12.03.009](#);

(9) When a vehicle is found to be an abandoned vehicle; and