

CHAPTER 4

JUNK STORAGE

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6-4-1: NUISANCE DECLARED: The storing of junk, trash and refuse on private property within the Village is hereby declared a nuisance.

6-4-2: DEFINITION: The terms "junk", "trash" and "refuse" are defined to include any and all waste matter, whether reusable or not, which is offensive to the public health, safety or to the aesthetics of the neighborhood, and is specifically intended to include, but not be limited to, worn out, wrecked, and/or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors, machinery of any kind, any parts thereof, old ice boxes, refrigerators, stoves, bathtubs and other plumbing fixtures.

6-4-3: NOTICE TO ABATE: Any policeman or duly authorized officer or representative of the Village upon observing any violation of this Chapter shall issue a notice directed to the owner of record of the property on which said nuisance occurs, as shown in the records of the Assessor's Office of Wood River Township, Illinois, or to the occupant of said property, or to both, which said notice shall describe the violation and shall establish a reasonable time limit for the abatement thereof by such owner or occupant, which time shall be not less than two (2) days nor more than ten (10) days after service of such notice.

Any citizen of the Village who observes a violation of this Chapter may file his affidavit setting forth in detail the violation, its location and the name of the owner and occupant of the property on which such nuisance is alleged, and may file said affidavit with the Police Department of the Village, who shall assign an officer to investigate such charge; and if such nuisance exists, to issue a notice to the owner or occupant of the property as provided in this Section.

6-4-4: NOTICE, RETURN: Any policeman or duly authorized officer or representative of the Village shall serve the notice herein provided for upon the owner or occupant of the property where such nuisance exist, or upon both of them, and shall make his return upon a copy of such notice, showing the time of service, the person upon whom it was served or the manner in which it was served.

6-4-5: INVESTIGATION: Immediately upon the termination of the time allowed in any such notice for the abatement of such nuisance, the policeman or duly authorized officer or

representative of the Village who served such notice, or any other policeman who shall be assigned by the Police Department, shall investigate to determine whether or not such nuisance has been abated.

6-4-6: COMPLAINTS: In the event owner or occupant of the property where such nuisance has failed within the prescribed time to abate such nuisance, then the policeman or duly authorized officer of the Village, who served such notice, shall file a complaint charging violation of this Chapter with the Circuit Court for the Third Judicial Circuit charging violation of this Chapter and demanding that the owner of the property or the occupant thereof, or both, be punished as herein provided.

The Village shall prosecute all complaints of violation of this Chapter.

6-4-7: VIOLATION: Any other property owner or occupant of property who allows such storage on the property owned or occupied by him shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as in this Code provided; and any person who shall neglect to abate and remove such nuisance after notice thereof, shall for each twenty-four (24) hours thereafter during which said nuisance continues, be subject to a like penalty as that originally incurred. (Ord. 709; 12-20-66)