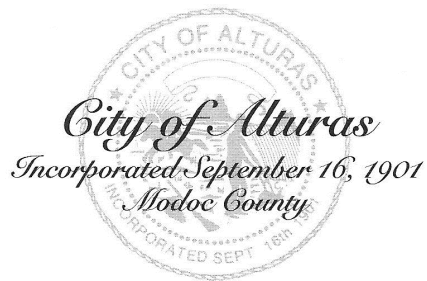


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A message from the city of Alturas Vehicle Abatement Officer

The city of Alturas Vehicle Abatement Officer will be identifying vehicles within the City of Alturas that are maintained in a condition that violates the following ordinances. If you have vehicles on your property that are within the definition of Alturas Municipal Code 15-6, please remove them or correct the condition of the vehicles to be covered by section 15-8 of the Alturas Municipal Code. If you believe you are in violation of these ordinances please contact the Alturas Police Department for assistance in voluntarily removing the nuisance vehicle(s).

If you believe a neighbor within the city limits of Alturas is in violation of these ordinances and would like The Vehicle Abatement Officer to evaluate the vehicles, please contact the Alturas Police Department.

If you are found to be in violation of these sections and refuse to voluntarily remove or improve the condition of the vehicles in violation, they will go through the vehicle abatement process. In this situation, the cost of the abatement process will be charged to the land owners. If the cost of the abatement is not paid within 30 days of the removal of the vehicle(s), such costs shall be assessed against the parcel of land pursuant to Government Code § 25845, and shall be transmitted to the tax collector for collection.

Sec. 15-6. - General—Abandoned vehicles as nuisances.

- In addition to, and in accordance with, the determination made and the authority granted by the state of California pursuant to Section 22660 of the California Vehicle Code to remove abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof as public nuisances, the city council makes the following findings and declarations:

The accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof on private or public property creates a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight and deterioration, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, to create a harborage for rodents and insects and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare. Therefore, the presence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle or parts thereof, on private or public property, except as expressly permitted in this article, constitutes a public nuisance which may be abated as such in accordance with the provisions of this article.

- **Sec. 15-8. - Exceptions.**

- (a) This article shall not apply to:

(1) A vehicle, or parts thereof, which is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where the vehicle is not visible from the highway or other public or private property;

(2) A vehicle, or parts thereof, which is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer, a junk dealer, or when such storage or parking is necessary to the operation of a lawfully conducted business or commercial enterprise;

(3) A vehicle or parts thereof, located behind a solid fence, six feet in height or not plainly visible from a highway; or

(4) A vehicle, or parts thereof, of historic value or special interest as described in California Vehicle Code § 5051.

(b) Nothing in this section authorizes the maintenance of a public or private nuisance as defined under provisions of law other than [Chapter 10](#) (commencing with section 22650) of [Division 11](#) of the Vehicle Code and this article.

Sec. 15-12. - Authority of vehicle abatement officer.

Upon discovering the existence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperable vehicle, or parts thereof, on private property or public property within the city, the vehicle abatement office shall have the authority to issue an order declaring such vehicle or parts thereof to be a public nuisance as described in [section 15-6](#), and to cause the abatement, removal and disposal thereof in accordance with the procedures described in this article.

Sec. 15-22. - Act of abandonment—Misdemeanor.

- It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to abandon, park, store, or leave or permit the abandonment, parking, storing or leaving of any licensed or unlicensed vehicle or parts thereof which is abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or in an inoperative condition upon any private property or public property, including highways, within the city for a period in excess of seventy-two or more consecutive hours unless such a vehicle or parts thereof is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where it is not plainly visible from the street or other public or private property, or unless such vehicle is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler or licensed vehicle dealer or a junkyard or when such storage or parking is necessary to the operation of a lawfully conducted business or commercial enterprise.

- **Sec. 15-23. - Refusal to abate—Misdemeanor.**

It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to fail or refuse to remove an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle or parts thereof, or refuse to abate such nuisance when ordered to do so in accordance with the abatement provisions of this article or state law where such state law is applicable.