

ORDINANCE NO. 45

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE STORAGE, ACCUMULATION AND DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, WRECKED, DISMANTLED OR UNUSABLE, VEHICLES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF MICHIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.
24.000

WHEREAS, the Village of Michiana has found and determined that abandoned vehicles are a public nuisance and safety hazard, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Michiana is interested in preserving the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, THE VILLAGE OF MICHIANA ORDAINS:

JUNK AND ABANDONED VEHICLES **24.001**

No person shall park or store any wrecked, junked, abandoned automobile or other vehicle, or parts thereof on private or public property within the village except in a garage or other enclosure so as not to be exposed to public view.

Any vehicle shall be included if the vehicle does not have attached thereto a valid and current license plate, but the license plate shall not be the sole factor in determining the status of the vehicle.

VIOLATION **24.002**

In the event of violation of the above, the Michiana Police Department may cause said vehicle to be towed away and impounded and released only upon payment of tow charges and storage charges incurred.

Michiana Police Department is authorized to issue a written notice by registered return receipt requested mail, for the removal of the vehicle and the owner will be advised to remove the vehicle within seven (7) days of this notice. Upon the failure or refusal of the person to remove the vehicle within the time specified, the Police Department shall impound and cause it to be removed by licensed towing agency and stored to protect it from vandalism or damage.

PENALTY **24.003**

Any violation of, or failure to, comply with this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00, and the cost of prosecution. Each day that a violation of this ordinance is continued or permitted to exist without compliance shall constitute a separate offense.