

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**HOUSE BILL 75
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AFFECTING THE REGULATION OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED
MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF HENDERSON AND THE TOWN OF
LOUISBURG.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-303(b2) reads as rewritten:

"(b2) A junked motor vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle that also:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was originally intended to move; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and worth less than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00);~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00); or
- (4) Does not display a current license plate."

SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-303.2(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A municipality may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the abandonment of junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property within the municipality's ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance community, neighborhood or area appearance, and may enforce any such ordinance by removing or disposing of junked motor vehicles subject to the ordinance according to the procedures prescribed in this section. The authority granted by this section shall be supplemental to any other authority conferred upon municipalities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require the removal or disposal of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as defined in G.S. 136-143.

For purposes of this section, the term "junked motor vehicle" means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate and that:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
- (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00);~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act applies only to the City of Henderson and the Town of Louisburg. Section 2 of this act applies only to the Town of Louisburg.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of
April, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives