

Palestine Police Dept.

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Dear Citizen, Regarding;

ABANDONED AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES

CHAPTER 12-SECTION .08

Under the Ordinance listed above, the definition of an abandoned or inoperable vehicle is as follows: Any vehicle or part of a vehicle that has not been moved or operated in the past 72 hours or is in a state of disrepair rendering the vehicle incapable of being driven in it's condition.

There is a popular misconception that if you own a vehicle, as long as you buy current license plates, the vehicle can not be considered abandoned or inoperable. The ordinance makes no distinction about the status of registration.

Vehicle in violation must be out of public view from any direction. In other words it must be inside a garage or a privacy fence completely surrounding the vehicle. "Out of public view" is up to the discretion of the Palestine Police.

Also a vehicle being parked in your front yard, or any other areas for sale, are still subject to section 12.08. While Village police will try to give you an opportunity to sell your vehicle, after what we consider a reasonable length of time, you will be asked to remove the vehicle. Parking vehicles for sale on Village sidewalks or property will not be permitted.

Jim Clark
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