

ORDINANCE NO. 2610

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51, JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES OF THE ROBINS MUNICIPAL CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBINS, IOWA: That the Municipal Code of the City of Robins, Iowa, is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 51 is amended by deleting the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

CHAPTER 51: JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES

51.01 Definitions

51.02 Junk and Junk Vehicle Regulations

51.03 Service of Notice

51.04 Junk and Junk Vehicles a Nuisance

51.05 Notice to Abate

51.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Camper" A vehicle without motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as to permit its use as a conveyance upon a public street or highway and so designed to allow it to sit in a bed of a pickup truck and designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use. The term also embraces travel trailers and fifth-wheel travel trailers as defined by the Code of Iowa.
2. "Driveway" An established hard surface or crushed rock base portion of a residential lot leading from the street to an existing garage or to the side of a house if there is no garage and does not include any area of a grassed yard.
3. "Junk" including, but not limited to, all old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste or used lumber, or salvaged wood; dismantled vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, machinery or appliances, disused or scrap construction supplies, old or discarded glass, tinware, and plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or a rear yard is not considered junk.
4. "Junk Vehicle" Any vehicle or motor vehicle, including a camper, located within the corporate limits of the City of Robins and which has any of the following characteristics:
 - A. Broken Glass and Lighting. Any vehicle with a windshield, window, headlight, tail light, or other glass component that is broken, shattered, missing, or so extensively damaged that the component cannot reasonably perform its intended function.
 - B. Broken, Detached, or Missing Parts. Any vehicle with a fender, door, bumper, hood, steering wheel, trunk lid, or other major component that is missing, detached, or so extensively damaged that the component cannot reasonably

perform its intended function or the vehicle is not maintained in a substantially complete condition.

C. Has become a habitat of rats, mice, skunks, or any other vermin or insects.

D. Any vehicle that lacks an engine or one or more wheels or tires, or has one or more wheels or tires that are flat, deflated, deteriorated, rotted, or otherwise incapable of supporting the vehicle's weight and permitting its normal movement, rendering the vehicle inoperable; that cannot be moved under its own power; or that has not been used as an operating vehicle for a period of 30 days or more.

E. Is in a defective or obsolete condition, including, but not limited to, substantial deterioration, excessive rust or corrosion, missing parts, inoperable equipment, significant body damage, or the inability to be legally or safely operated as originally manufactured

F. Unlicensed. Any vehicle that is not currently licensed

Mere licensing of such vehicle shall not constitute a defense to the finding that the vehicle is a junk vehicle.

G. A vehicle being used as a storage container upon a property.

5. "Unlicensed" Any vehicle or motor vehicle not displaying a valid current license as required by the laws of the State of Iowa

6. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which a person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street, excepting devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and includes without limitation a motor vehicle, automobile, truck, motorcycle, tractor, buggy, wagon, camper, trailer, farm machinery, ATV, UTV, snowmobile, golf cart, or any combination thereof.

51.02 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES REGULATIONS. It is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate, or allow to remain on any private property within the corporate limits of the City any junk. Additionally, no owner of real estate, person in possession of real estate, or owner of a vehicle shall allow a junk vehicle to be parked, stored or retained upon any property unless,

1. The junk vehicle is kept within an enclosed building.

2. Commercial businesses lawfully involved in the repair, maintenance, sales or salvage of vehicles shall be allowed to park, store and maintain unlicensed and junk vehicles as part of their business, provided they comply with the requirements for location, screening and storage prescribed for the zoning district in which they are located.

3. The junk vehicle is under active repair and is parked upon the driveway of a residentially zoned property, provided the owner has notified the Police Department in writing of the

owner's intent to repair the vehicle and the repairs are completed within 30 days of the notification. The vehicle must be removed after 30 days, without option for extension.

51.03 SERVICE OF NOTICE. Any notice shall be deemed to be properly served when a copy thereof is delivered to him/her personally or by certified mail with return receipt requested to his/her last known address. If the City selects service by certified mail, notice shall be deemed given when mailed.

51.04 JUNK AND JUNK VEHICLES A NUISANCE. It is hereby declared that any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property, unless excepted by Section 51.02, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the citizens and is a nuisance within the meaning of Section 657.1 of the Code of Iowa. If any junk or junk vehicle is kept upon private property in violation hereof, the owner of or person occupying the property upon which it is located shall be prima facie liable for said violation.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])

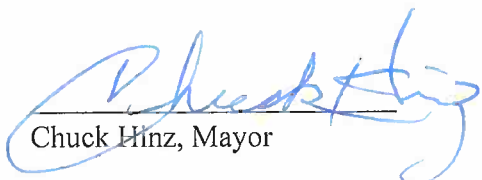
51.05 NOTICE TO ABATE. Upon discovery of any junk or junk vehicle located upon private property in violation of Section 51.04, the City may initiate abatement procedures as outlined in Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3a])

SECTION 2. That the changes as provided in this Ordinance shall be made a part of the replacement pages of the Municipal code, City of Robins, Iowa and made a part of said Code as provided by law.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th day of September, 2026.


Chuck Hinz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa Goodin, City Clerk/Treasurer

