

**TOWN OF MORRISON, COLORADO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORDINANCE NO. ____**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5 OF THE MORRISON
MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ABATEMENT OF ABANDONED VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morrison is a Colorado home rule municipality operating under a Home Rule Charter approved by the electorate pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and governed by its elected Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, the Board has authority pursuant to the Home Rule Charter and C.R.S. § 31-16-101, *et seq.* to adopt and enforce all ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Town finds that it is a nuisance to abandon a motor vehicle on public property or property belonging to another; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to amend the Morrison Municipal Code to declare an abandoned vehicle to be a nuisance and provide abatement procedures for its removal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado:

Section 1. Section 5-1-1 of the Morrison Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following definition to appear alphabetically:

Abandoned Motor Vehicle: Any motor vehicle left unattended and without permission on property not belonging to the vehicle's owner including public property for a period of forty-eight (48) hours or longer.

Section 2. Section 5-1-3 of the Morrison Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5-1-3: MOTOR VEHICLES PARKING:

A. Abandoned Motor Vehicle: An abandoned motor vehicle shall constitute a nuisance and be subject to abatement and removal as provided in this Chapter except that the Town shall post notice of abatement on any abandoned motor vehicle on public property at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to applying to the municipal court for an abatement order.

~~A.B.~~ **Parking or Storage of Inoperable or Unlicensed Motor Vehicles:** It shall be unlawful to park or store inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles anywhere in the town except on premises zoned and licensed to allow the maintenance or storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles and in compliance with such zoning or license or are fully enclosed buildings made for the express purpose of covering a motor vehicle. Any storage or parking areas shall be kept free of weeds, rubbish, and other waste items.

~~B.C.~~ Parking or Storage of Inoperable/Unlicensed Trailers: Inoperable/unlicensed trailers shall not be stored or parked on private property except in fully enclosed buildings or unless otherwise allowed by applicable ordinance of the town.

~~C.D.~~ Storage in Buildings: This section shall not apply to enclosed structures or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 3. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the standards adopted herein is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part hereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts are declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after adoption and publication in accordance with Section 3.9 and 3.14 of the Home Rule Charter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Morrison, Colorado by a vote of ____ yes and ____ nays, this ____ day of _____ 2026.

TOWN OF MORRISON

Chris Wolfe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney Christensen, Town Clerk