

## Ordinance Violations

Pickens County Community Development always strives achieve ordinance compliance without proceeding toward the violation and enforcement process. However, certain provisions are enumerated in all applicable county codes and ordinances pertaining to violations.

Per Sections 1-7 and 10-77 (Section 7(e) of Ordinance #297) of the Pickens County Code of Ordinances whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the county any act is prohibited or is declared to be unlawful or an offense or misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required, or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, and no specific penalty is provided for the violation, the violation of any such provision of this Code, or any such ordinance, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Each day any violation of this Code or any such ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or order shall continue shall constitute, except where otherwise provided, a separate offense.

Remember; if Pickens County Environmental Enforcement can ever be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us!

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## ACCUMULATION OF JUNK IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS



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**This is a general guide for compliance with the Pickens County ordinances pertaining to the accumulation of junk in residential and certain commercial areas. For detailed information regarding these ordinances and the requirements in this guide, please contact the Environmental Enforcement Officer.**

Pickens County finds that junkyards:

- (a) Provide a necessary service to Pickens County residents;
- (b) Contribute to the economy and tax base of Pickens County;
- (c) Pose a potential hazard to the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Pickens County;
- (d) Depreciate the value of surrounding property;
- (e) Are a breeding ground for mosquitoes or other insects, snakes, rats and other pests;
- (f) Pose a potential threat of injury to children and other individuals who may be attracted to the premises;
- (g) Are a visual blight and are depreciative to the aesthetic quality of the environment of Pickens County.

The purpose of the *Pickens County Junkyard Ordinance* (Ordinance #297 and Codified in the Pickens County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article III) is to provide for the regulation of existing and proposed junkyards under the development standards ordinance. Such uses may only be established and operated in the county if they do not constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the people, inclusive of attracting vermin, or causing disease, public nuisance, fire hazard, or blight or adversely affecting environmental conditions.

Title VI, CH. 29, Sec. 710 of South Carolina Code of Laws gives to counties the authority to adopt regulations. In order to accomplish these purposes, Pickens County Council enacted Ordinance #297 on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or other business entity to maintain a junkyard except pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

In addition to the standards for typical commercial junkyards, Ordinance #297 (Code of Ordinances, 10-76) also provides standards for residential uses and commercial business which do not meet the definition of a junkyard, as defined in the ordinance.



Pickens County Ordinance #297, Section 6, makes it unlawful to have **Junk or Abandoned Vehicles** in a residential area, unless:

- Each vehicle is covered with a car cover (tarps are not allowed) or stored in a totally enclosed building.



- All junk is to be out of view of all roads and adjacent properties.



**Ordinance #297 does not apply to:**

- Businesses storing five (5) or fewer vehicles subject to valid Garageman's Liens as provided by State Statute
- Farm equipment located on property having an agricultural tax exemption