

**BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE**  
**LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE 2026.02.09.02**

**CHAPTER 282: PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR  
STORAGE**

**TO ENSURE THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE STORAGE  
OF UNREGISTERED, UNINSPECTED, INOPERABLE,  
AND JUNK VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH TO  
AVOID PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

**IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Borough of Jersey Shore,  
Lycoming County, Pennsylvania as follows:

**§ 283-1 Definitions.**

- a. "Junk Vehicle" means any motor vehicle valueless except as junk, or in a consistent inoperable state, or showing obvious signs of disrepair or uncompleted repairs.
- b. "Unregistered Vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that does not have a valid state registration plate or valid certification of inspection.
- c. "Motor Vehicle" means any type of mechanical device, propelled by a motor, in which persons or property may be transported upon the public streets or highways, and including trailers or semi-trailers pulled thereby, as well as motorcycles, ATVs, and dirt bikes.
- d. "Nuisance" means any condition, structure or improvement which shall constitute a threat or potential threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the Jersey Shore Borough.
- e. "Owner" means the actual owner, agent, or custodian of the property on which motor vehicles are stored, whether individual or partnership, association, or corporation.
- f. "Motor Vehicle in a State of Major Disrepair" means a motor vehicle unable to move under its own power and which has any of the following defects:
  1. Broken windshields, mirrors or other glass, with sharp edges.
  2. One or more flat or open tires or tubes which could permit vermin harborage.

3. Missing doors, windows, hood, trunk or other body parts which could permit animal harborage.
4. Any body parts with sharp edges, including holes resulting from rust.
5. Missing tires resulting in unsafe suspension of the motor vehicle.
6. Broken headlamps or tail-lamps with sharp edges.
7. Disassembled chassis parts apart from the motor vehicle stored in a disorderly fashion or loose in or on the vehicle.
8. Protruding sharp objects from the chassis.
9. Broken vehicle frame suspended from the ground in an unstable manner.
10. Leaking or damaged oil pan or gas tank which could cause fire or explosion.
11. Exposed battery containing acid.
12. Open or damaged floorboards including trunk and firewall.
13. Damaged bumpers pulled away from the perimeter of vehicle.
14. Suspended on supports.
15. Such other defects which could threaten the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Jersey Shore.

**§ 283-2 Prohibition of Outdoor Storage of Unregistered, Uninspected, Inoperable, or Junk Vehicles.**

It shall be unlawful to park, keep, or store an unregistered, uninspected, inoperable, or junk vehicle, or any vehicle in the process of being stripped or dismantled, for a period in excess of thirty (30) days on any property, street, or alley within the Borough of Jersey Shore outside of an enclosed building. A temporary move of the vehicle shall not stop the running of the thirty (30) days' period, and neither shall a temporary covering or enclosure of the offending vehicle reset the time.

**§ 283-3 Exceptions.**

This Chapter shall not apply to licensed salvage, body shop, or vehicle repair businesses that have been licensed by the Commonwealth and issued occupancy permits by the Jersey Shore Zoning Officer.

**§ 283-4 Storage Permitted.**

- a. The motor vehicle nuisance(s) must be stored within a garage or other enclosed building.
- b. **Inspection; Notice to Comply.**
  1. The Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough is hereby empowered to inspect grounds on which motor vehicles are stored to determine if there is compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. If noncompliance with the provisions of this Chapter constitutes a nuisance, or if any condition, structure, or improvement poses a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public, he shall issue a written notice to be served by registered or certified mail upon the owner of said premises or, if the owner's whereabouts or identity be unknown, by posting the notice conspicuously upon the offending premises.

2. Said notice shall specify the vehicle complained of and shall require the owner to commence to remove or otherwise rectify the condition or structure or improvement as set forth therein within ten (10) days of mailing or posting said notice, and thereafter, to fully comply with the requirements of the notice within a reasonable time.

c. **Authority to Remedy Noncompliance.**

If the owner of grounds on which motor vehicles are stored does not comply with the notice to abate the conditions, within the time prescribed, the Borough shall have the authority to take measures to correct the conditions and collect the cost of such corrections plus ten percent (10%) of all costs. The Borough, in such event and pursuant to its statutory or otherwise authorized police powers, shall have the right and power to enter upon the offending premises to accomplish the foregoing.

d. **Hearing.**

1. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Code Enforcement Officer may request and shall then be granted a hearing before the Borough Council; provided he files with the Borough Council, within ten (10) days after notice of the Code Enforcement Officer's decision, a written petition requesting such hearing and setting forth a brief statement of the grounds therefor. The hearing shall commence not later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the petition was filed unless postponed for sufficient cause.
2. After such hearing, the Borough Council shall sustain, modify, or overrule the action of the Code Enforcement Officer.

e. **Penalties.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Chapter continues shall constitute a separate offense. This penalty is not mutually exclusive to penalties adopted in other ordinances.

f. **Remedies Not Mutually Exclusive.**

The remedies provided herein for the enforcement of this Chapter, or any remedy provided by law, shall not be deemed mutually exclusive; rather they may be employed simultaneously or consecutively, at the option of the Borough Council. It is the intent of Council that this ordinance is intended to supplement the Borough's adoption of the IPMC.