

## CHAPTER 3

### ABANDONED VEHICLES

#### 3.01 SALVAGE VEHICLES:

It shall be unlawful for any owner of land or occupant of any land in the Town of Greenbush to park or permit to stand or accumulate more than one (1) unlicensed motor vehicle on such land, except for owners or occupants operating properly licensed salvage yards, any except unlicensed vehicles being used as farm equipment and any vehicles that are located in garages or other like structures and hidden from public view.

#### 3.02 ABANDONED VEHICLES:

It shall be unlawful for any person to leave unattended any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or mobile home on any public street or highway or public or private property for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. When any such vehicle has been left unattended on any county highway or on any public or private property within the Town of Greenbush without the permission of the owner for more than 48 hours, the vehicle is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public nuisance.

#### 3.03 REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT:

Any vehicle in violation of this ordinance shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of under this chapter except that if the Constable or his duly authorized representative determines that the cost of towing and storage charges for the impoundment would exceed the value of the vehicle, the vehicle may be junked by the town prior to expiration of the impoundment period upon such determination by the Constable or his duly authorized representative that the vehicle is not wanted for evidence or other reason.

#### 3.04 DISPOSAL:

If the Constable or his duly authorized representative determines that the value of the abandoned vehicle exceeds \$100 he shall notify the owner and lienholders of record by certified mail that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned and impounded by the Town and may be reclaimed within 15 days upon payment of accrued towing, storage and notice charges and if not so reclaimed shall be sold.

In the event an abandoned vehicle determined to exceed \$100 in value is not reclaimed within the period and under the conditions as provided above it may be sold by auction. The description of the vehicle and the terms of sale shall be published as a class 1 notice 5 days before the sale.

Any abandoned vehicle which is determined by the Constable or his duly authorized representative to have a value of less than \$100 may be disposed of by direct sale to a licensed salvage dealer upon determination that the vehicle is not reported stolen.

### 3.05 IMPOUNDMENT AND SALE COSTS:

The owner of any abandoned vehicle, except a stolen vehicle is responsible for the abandonment and all costs of impounding and disposing of the vehicle. Costs not recovered for the sale of the vehicle may be recovered in a civil action by the town against the owner.