



Fire Prevention Services, Inc.



Imperial County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Standards

The accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof on private or public property, not including highways, hereby is found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to promote blight and deterioration, to invite plundering, to create fire Violations, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety to minors, to create a harborage for rodents and insects and to be injurious to the health, safety and general welfare.

Abandoned- A vehicle is considered to be “abandoned” if it is left on private property in such inoperable or neglected condition that the owner’s intention to relinquish all further rights or interests in it may be reasonably concluded. In reaching a reasonable conclusion, one must consider the amount of time the vehicle has been there without being moved and its condition.

Wrecked- Any vehicle that is damaged to such an extent that it cannot be operated upon the highway, is termed a wrecked vehicle.

Dismantled Vehicle- Any vehicle that is partially or wholly disassembled.

Inoperative- Any motor vehicle that cannot be moved under its own power.

Vehicles of Historic Value or Interest:

*A motor vehicle with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965.

*A motor vehicle manufactured in the year 1922 or prior thereto.

*A vehicle which was manufactured after 1922, is at least 25 years old and is of historic interest.

***These vehicles qualify if they are being collected, restored and maintained.**