

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
AUTOMOBILE GRAVEYARD AND/OR JUNKYARD

I. DEFINITION:

Automobile Graveyard – 3 or more unserviceable, discarded, worn-out or junked motor vehicles.

Junk Yard – a yard, field, or area used as storage for:

- a. Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, household appliances and furniture
- b. Discarded scrap and junked lumber and scrap metals, rags, batteries paper trash, etc.
- c. Garbage dumps, waste dumps, and sanitary fills

II. LOCATION:

Within 600 feet of a state or state aid highway or town road

Within 100 feet of primary interstate highway if in view from that highway

Within 300 feet of a public park, playground, beach, school, church, cemetery and within ordinary view of any of these

Screened from ordinary view by fences

Screened from ordinary view by natural screening

(In measuring distances – measure from the edge of the right of way and not from the center of the highway)

III. FEE INDICATION:

\$50.00 fee for location **more** than 100 feet from any highway

\$200.00 fee for location **less** than 100 feet from any highway

\$100.00 to \$500.00 fine per day for violation of permit conditions or for operating without a permit

IV. OTHER:

Describe briefly other conditions which you feel might constitute a general nuisance and should be addressed such as noise, smoke, hour of operation, etc.

**MAINE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
REGULATIONS FOR SCREENING JUNKYARDS**

Title 30A M.R.S.A. as Amended by Chapter 183 Public Laws 1988

SCREENING:

Screening may be accomplished by natural or man-made objects, planting, or properly constructed fences, any of which must completely screen the junkyard from ordinary view from **ANY PORTION** of **ANY HIGHWAY** within the prescribed distances **THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR**, all of which shall be outside of the highway right of way limits.

Natural or man-made objects may be interpreted to be:

1. Hills, gullies or embankments. Such man-made objects must be constructed to blend with the landscape with loaming and seeding or other treatment as may be necessary to establish a natural appearance.
2. Building or other installations
3. Combinations of the above

FENCES:

Fences shall be so located and of **SUFFICIENT HEIGHT** to completely screen the junkyard from ordinary view from any highway within the prescribed distances. Although the **MINIMUM HEIGHT** of any fence is sufficient to accomplish the complete screening from ordinary view. **ALL FENCES SHALL BE WELL CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED. ONLY SOUND UNDAMAGED MATERIAL, UNIFORM IN APPEARANCE, AND ERECTED IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.**

Suggested materials – Posts:

Wood – Sound, round or square, preferably cedar, hackmatack, spruce, or fir. Preservative treatment with creosote oil or cuprinal is suggested 4” x 4” minimum (square) or 4” minimum diameter (round).

Metal – Steel pipe or structural section steel either galvanized or base coat painted with red lead or other rust inhibitive paint.

PLANTINGS:

Trees, shrubs, or other vegetation of sufficient height, density and depth of planting or growth to completely screen the junkyard from ordinary view from any highway within the prescribed distances throughout out the entire calendar year.

NOTES:

It is the intent of the statute to regulate automobile graveyards or junkyards no matter where they are found.

“Highway” shall include not only the state highway, but also town and country roads.

After October 3, 1973, no new automobile graveyard or junkyard can be established within 100 feet of any highway.

A license is required whether or not the person is actually in the junk business.

Present emphasis on licensing automobile graveyards and junkyard is a direct way of getting them cleaned up and made presentable.

Screening – either natural or by fences. (See information sheet attached)