

Ordinance No. 120098

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Council Bill No. 113348

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*Richard Jefferson*  
Councilmember

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WHEREAS, clarifying the definition of "junk vehicles" will enhance enforcement of the impound provisions of the Traffic Code; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 11.14 of the Seattle Municipal Code is amended as follows:

**SMC (~~11.14.010~~) 11.14.268 (~~(Abandoned)~~) (~~(j)~~) Junk motor vehicle.**

1. "~~(Abandoned)~~ Junk motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle (~~(substantially)~~) meeting at least three of the following requirements:

A. Left on private property without the permission of the person having right to the possession of the property;~~(7)~~

B. Left on (~~(or)~~) a street, alley, (~~(or)~~) way open to the public, or on municipal or other public property for (~~(forty-eight (48))~~) twenty-four (24) hours or longer; (~~(and)~~)

~~(B.)~~ C. Extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to any of the following: A broken window or windshield, missing wheels, tires, motor, or transmission; (~~(and)~~)

~~(C.)~~ D. Apparently inoperable; (~~(and)~~)

~~(D.)~~ E. Having a fair market value of (~~(One)~~) Five Hundred Dollars (~~((\$100))~~) (\$500) or less. (~~(RCW 46.52.145))~~)

F. Without a current certificate of registration or a current and proper vehicle license.

2. (~~-Vehicles in violation of this section-~~) Junk Motor Vehicles are subject to impoundment as provided for in Chapter 11.30 SMC in addition to any other penalty provided for by law.



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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2000, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

Margot Powers  
President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2000.

Paul Scheep  
Mayor

Filed by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2000.

Janith E. Pippin  
City Clerk

(Seal)





# City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

## Seattle Police Department

Gil Kerlikowske, Chief of Police

September 8, 2000

VIA CBO

Councilmember Richard McIver  
600 Fourth Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Seattle, WA 98104-1876

Re: Amendment to Council Bill 113348

Dear Councilmember McIver:

The Seattle Police Department respectfully requests that Council Bill 113348 be amended to include one more designator of a "junk motor vehicle." Currently, the bill designates a junk motor vehicle as one that meets three of the following five conditions: (1) on private property without permission of the owner; (2) on public property more than 24 hours; (3) extensively damaged; (4) apparently inoperable; and (5) having a fair market value of \$500 or less. The amendment includes a sixth factor subsection F that states, "Without a current certificate of registration or a current and proper vehicle license." The proposed amendment allows for a definition that more closely follows RCW 46.79.010 which defines the state version of "junk vehicle." Moreover, this amendment gives police and parking enforcement officers another tool to impound junk motor vehicles. This will improve quality of life for the citizens of Seattle and reduce urban blight.

Sincerely,

R. Gil Kerlikowske  
Chief of Police

Assistant Chief Clark Kimerer  
Chief of Staff

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Seattle Police Department, 610 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104-1886

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# City of Seattle

Paul Schell, Mayor

## Seattle Transportation

Daryl R. Grigsby, Director

August 15, 2000

Honorable Margaret Pageler  
President, Seattle City Council  
1100 Municipal Building  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilmember Pageler:

Subject: Two companion Ordinances amending Ordinance 108200 and SMC 11.14.268 and 11.72.440 (Traffic Code)

**REQUEST:** We request the amendment of Ordinance 108200, and subsequently, Seattle Municipal Code 11.14.268 and 11.72.440. These two amendments would, respectively, clarify the definition of "junk motor vehicle" and change the current 24-hour parking law to 72 hours.

**BACKGROUND:** The City Traffic Code currently prohibits vehicles from being parked on the street longer than 24 consecutive hours. While supporting important City goals, this conflicts with the goal of reducing automobile use. Basic to Seattle's Transportation Strategic Plan is the concept of promoting alternative transportation use and encouraging citizens to leave their vehicles at home. The change from 24 hours to 72 hours would not affect (SMC) 11.72.330 (Posted Signs) that allows the City to provide 24-hour notice to clear the streets of vehicles for the purpose of utility work, special events, and removing junk motor vehicles. Officially, posted parking restrictions (i.e., time limit, loading zones, parking meters, etc.) would also continue to be in effect after 24 hours.

At the same time, we are proposing a clarification and updating of the definition of "junk motor vehicle" to enhance enforcement of the impound provisions of the Traffic Code and also reflecting that these vehicles need to be cited in writing before they are towed.

**IMPORTANCE:** Citizens need to know they can use alternative modes of transportation and not be penalized if their vehicle stays on the street for longer than 24 hours. Changing the language to allow for a longer window of time and redefining junk motor vehicle without changing the current utility work/special events/posted sign language would help support the City's goal to encourage citizens to leave their vehicles at home.

If there are any questions, please contact Bill Jack at 684-8329. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daryl R. Grigsby  
Director

DRG:cmn

Attachments

Central Building, 810 Third Avenue, Room 754, Seattle, WA 98104-1618

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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# City of Seattle

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MARGARET PAGELER,  
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 2nd day of October, 2000.

PAUL SCHELL,

Mayor.

Filed by me this 2nd day of October, 2000.

(Seal) JUDITH E. PIPPIN,

City Clerk.

Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN,  
City Clerk.

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