

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE BILL 509*
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/22/07**

Short Title: Ayden/Junked Vehicles.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AFFECTING THE REGULATION OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED
2 MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWNS OF AYDEN AND CORNELIUS.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-303(b2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b2) A junked motor vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle that also:

7 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or

8 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was
9 originally intended to move; or

10 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and worth
11 less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00);

12 (3a) Is more than five years old and worth less than five hundred dollars
13 (\$500.00); this subdivision applies only to the Cities of Belmont,
14 Bessemer City, Cherryville, Gastonia, Henderson and Mount Holly,
15 and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas,
16 Farmville, LaGrange, Matthews, Mint Hill, Louisburg, and Stanley; or

17 (4) Does not display a current license plate."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-303.2(a) reads as rewritten:

19 "(a) A municipality may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the
20 abandonment of junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property
21 within the municipality's ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such
22 regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance
23 community, neighborhood or area appearance, and may enforce any such ordinance by
24 removing or disposing of junked motor vehicles subject to the ordinance according to
25 the procedures prescribed in this section. The authority granted by this section shall be
26 supplemental to any other authority conferred upon municipalities. Nothing in this
27 section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require the removal or disposal
28 of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as
29 defined in G.S. 136-143.

1 For purposes of this section, the term "junked motor vehicle" means a vehicle that
2 does not display a current license plate and that:

- 3 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
4 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally
5 was intended to move; or
6 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and appears
7 to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); [or]
8 (4) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than five
9 hundred dollars (\$500.00). This subdivision applies only to the Cities
10 of Belmont, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Gastonia and Mount Holly,
11 and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas,
12 Farmville, LaGrange, Mint Hill, Louisburg and Stanley."

13 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.