

NUISANCE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Parking Standards for Automobile Repair Shops.

Purpose.

Due to the abundance of complaints received and violations identified, regulation under the nuisance ordinance is required to help reduce the overall negative impact on the citizens of the Town of Ramseur. As a result, the following nuisance regulations will be imposed with the intent to aid in the beautification of the Town of Ramseur.

A. Regulation.

- 1) One space for each employee at maximum employment on a single shift.
- 2) Two spaces for each 300 square feet of repair or maintenance space.
- 3) Additional parking spaces may be permitted, but the spaces must be to the rear of the repair shop, out of view from the roadway, surrounded by a privacy fence and on a paved lot. The parking area must comply with all zoning regulations. A permit issued by the Town of Ramseur is required for the additional spaces.

B. Enforcement.

- 1) Upon the Code Enforcement Inspector identifying an auto repair shop with an excess of vehicles parked around it, an inspection shall take place to document the total numbers of vehicles parked on the property.
- 2) A Notice of Violation is to be issued allowing 10-days for the auto repair shop to remove the vehicles.
- 3) If the violation remains, a daily accruing penalty of \$50 for each vehicle will be imposed. This penalty will continue until the violation is brought into compliance. (NOTE – it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Town when vehicles have been removed).

- 4) Additionally, the Code Enforcement Inspector is directed to send a Notice of Hearing to the property owner and any interested parties with a date to be no less than 10-days away and no greater than 25-days away.
- 5) Upon completion of the Hearing, a final Notice is to be prepared containing the Finding of Fact and an Order to Abate. This order shall give at least 10-days to comply. Failure to comply may result in the Town taking abatement action.
- 6) If the vehicles remain, a Notice of Tow will be placed on the remaining vehicles and also on the building where repairs are taking place. This Notice will give 3-days from posting for the vehicle to be removed. If not removed, the vehicle will be towed at the expense of the repair shop.
- 7) Following the towing of vehicles, a Post Tow Notice will be provided by first class mail and by posting of the property. It will contain the name of the tow company, their address and their telephone number.