

# **INOPERATIVE OR ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF SUFFOLK**



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## **What is an “Inoperative Vehicle?”(Suffolk Code Section: 34-241)**

Any vehicle that is not in operating condition. This pertains to vehicles failing to display all required license plates and decals in valid form, or to vehicles failing to display an inspection sticker in valid form. Any Vehicle that is partially or totally disassembled by removal of tires and wheels, engine, or any other parts essential for operation for a period of 60 days or longer is also classified as an “Inoperative Vehicle.”

## **How does this affect me? (Suffolk Code Section: 34-242)**

It is unlawful for any person to keep an “Inoperative Vehicle,” unless the vehicle is shielded from view or enclosed in a structure consisting of at least three solid walls and a roof.

**What are the penalties? (Suffolk Code Section: 34-242)**

**FIELD CORRECTIVE MEASURE:** Inoperative Vehicles are subject to towing by a private company at the owners expense.

**A COURT SUMMONS IS ISSUED IF THE FIELD CORRECTIVE MEASURE CANNOT BE TAKEN:** The first offense incurs a \$100 fine, and each subsequent offense incurs a \$150 fine. Each day that a violation is found to exist is considered a separate offense. It is the responsibility of the owner to move the “inoperative vehicle” within 10 days. After 10 days the City has the right to remove the “inoperative vehicle” and dispose of it, and the cost of removing the vehicle is charged to the owner.

**The Laws Concerning “Inoperative Vehicles” Are Designed to Keep Suffolk Looking Beautiful**

**So Let’s Follow And Help Others to Follow These Laws And Help Keep Suffolk Beautiful**



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