

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN**  
**DISMANTLED CAR ORDINANCE**  
**Ordinance 13**

An Ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Village of Mattawan, Van Buren County, Michigan, a Municipal Corporation, by the regulating of outdoor storage of dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles within the Village of Mattawan, to provide penalties for the violation of this Ordinance, and to repeal any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict herewith.

**THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. STORAGE OF DISMANTLED, PARTIALLY DISMANTLED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF**

It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to store on, place on, or permit to be stored or placed on, or allowed to remain on any platted or unplatted parcel of land, a dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle, or any parts of a motor vehicle, which platted or unplatted parcel of land is located in the Village of Mattawan, or upon which parcel of land there is a structure used in whole or in part as a dwelling, unless said partially dismantled motor vehicle or parts of a motor vehicle shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or other wholly enclosed structure, provided, however, that any bona fide owner, co-owner, tenant, or co-tenant may store, permit to be stored or allow to remain on the premises of which he is the owner, co-owner, tenant or co-tenant, any one such dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle, for a period of not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours if such motor vehicle is registered in his, her or its name, and provided further, that any such owner, co-owner, tenant or co-tenant may, in the event of hardship, secure a permit from the Building Inspector of the Village of Mattawan, to extend such period of forty-eight (48) hours for an additional period not to exceed five (5) days for any one such dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle if such motor vehicle is registered in his, her or its name; provided further, that this Ordinance shall not be construed to permit parking or the placing of dismantled or partially dismantled vehicles in any front yard of said premises owned or under the control of any owner, co-owner, tenant or co-tenant.

**SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION**

This Ordinance shall not be construed as repealing any Ordinance now in effect or hereafter made effective relating to rubbish, litter, garbage, refuse, trash or junk, but shall be construed as supplementary to any such ordinances, as well as any Statutes of the State of Michigan relating thereto.

**SECTION 3. NUISANCE**

The presence of a dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicle, or parts of a motor vehicle, on any platted or unplatted parcel of land, in violation of the terms of this Ordinance, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

**SECTION 4. PENALTIES**

As expressly provided by this ordinance of the Village of Mattawan, every person who is convicted misdemeanor violation of any provision of this code shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. Every day that such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct violation under the provisions of this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 13, eff. Feb 6, 1965, amended by Ord. No. 111, eff. May 11, 1992)

**SECTION 5. REPEAL CLAUSE**

Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance of the Village of Mattawan in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on the 6th day of February, 1965.