

§96 JUNKYARDS AND SALVAGE YARDS.

(A) All junkyards and salvage yards existing as of the effective date of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of this section within one (1) year from the effective date of the ordinance or shall be discontinued entirely. A failure to bring an existing junkyard or salvage yard into compliance within this section shall constitute a violation(s) of this ordinance and shall immediately void any and all lawful nonconforming status such uses may have under this ordinance.

(B) All portions of a junkyard or salvage yard not located inside an enclosed building shall be enclosed behind an opaque screen. Opaque screens may be one of the following:

(1) A wall or fence that meets the following requirements:

- a. The wall or fence may not be made of chain link fencing, including chain link fencing interwoven with plastic strips or slats.
- b. The wall or fence shall be at least six (6) feet high as measured from the finished grade on the outside of the fence or wall.

(2) An opaque screen of trees, shrubs or other woody plants that meets the following requirements:

- a. A buffer yard often (10) feet shall be maintained along the entire perimeter of the storage area.
- b. Minimum vegetation for the buffer yard shall be eight (8) large evergreen trees, ten (10) small evergreen trees and thirty-six (36) large evergreen shrubs per one hundred (100) linear feet of buffer or fraction thereof.
- c. Trees must be at least six (6) feet tall at the time of planting.

(3) A combination of walls, fences and/or plantings meeting the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) above. If the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) are in conflict, the stricter requirements apply.

(C) The storage area shall not be visible from any adjacent property or public right-of-way. Stored items shall not project above required vegetation, and the vegetation shall be a complete visual barrier.

(D) Only one (1) entrance is permitted into the storage area. The entrance shall be less than eighteen (18) feet wide. A gate that is completely opaque and at least 8 feet in height (measure from the nearest adjacent grade) shall secure the entrance.

(E) The storage area shall be graded and surfaced with asphalt or concrete.

(F) For the purposes of this section, a carport does not constitute an acceptable screen, garage or enclosed building.

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