

Village of Cullom
Ordinance No. 2026-A

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMMEND CHAPTER 11 (ABANDONED, WRECKED, NON-OPERATING
VEHICLES) OF THE VILLAGE OF CULLOM ORDINANCES**

IN THE VILLAGE OF CULLOM, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF CULLOM, THIS 24TH DAY OF March 2026**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois (the "Village") is a duly organized and existing municipality under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, abandoned, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles are hereby found to constitute a public nuisance, and a mechanism is required to enforce the removal of such nuisance vehicles from the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees are desirous of amending the Chapter 11 Ordinance to allow provide a process of the abatement of public nuisances causes by abandoned, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles in the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11 of the Village of Cullom Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

CHAPTER 11

ABANDONED, WRECKED, NON-OPERATING VEHICLES

Section I: (Definitions) The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Chapter:

"*Vehicle*" shall mean a machine propelled by power, other than human power, designed to travel along the ground by use of wheels, treads, runners or slides and transports persons or property or pulls machinery and shall include, without limitation, automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, tractor, buggy and wagon.

"Street" or "Highway" shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

"Property" shall mean any real property within the Village, which is not a street or a highway.

"Abandoned, Unlicensed and Inoperable Motor Vehicle" shall mean any motor operated vehicle, including recreational, utility, mowing or construction machines, that due to condition is not immediately operable as intended, and includes any motor vehicle, whether operable or not, if required to be licensed, that does not display a current, valid registration plate or registration sticker as required by the Illinois Vehicle Code, or for which the owner cannot provide proof of current registration upon request.

Section II: (Abandonment)

- a. The abandoned, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicle or any part thereof on any highway in the municipality is unlawful and subject to penalties as set forth herein. Continuous standing of a vehicle on a highway, street, alley or other public right of way for over a twenty-four (24) hour period shall be prima facie evidence of abandonment of said vehicle. After a reasonable effort to notify the owner of any such vehicle that the vehicle has to be removed, the Village President or his/her designee may impound said vehicle and have the same removed and conveyed to a vehicle pound;
- b. The abandoned, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicle or any part thereof of a motor vehicle or other vehicle or any part thereof on private or public property, other than a highway, in view of the general public anywhere in the Village of Cullom is unlawful. A motor vehicle or other vehicle or any part thereof so abandoned on private property may be authorized for removal by or upon the order of any Village Official, after a waiting period of seven days or more has expired;
- c. When an abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned or partially dismantled motor vehicle or other vehicle is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the highway or its physical appearance is causing the impeding of traffic, its immediate removal from the highway by a towing service may be authorized by any Village Official;
- d. Any abandoned, unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicle or any part thereof found standing on any highway, street, alley, or other public right-of-way, or on any private or public property within the Village, other than in a completely enclosed building and fully out of view of the public, shall be subject to all provisions of this Chapter governing abandoned vehicles.

Section III: (*Exterior Storage of Wrecked, Discarded or Non-Operating Vehicles Prohibited*) No person in charge of or in control of premises, whether as owner, lessee, tenant occupant or otherwise shall allow any partially dismantled, wrecked, junked, discarded, unlicensed, unregistered, or otherwise non-operating motor vehicle, or any Abandoned, Unlicensed and Inoperable Motor Vehicle as defined herein, to remain on such property longer than seven (7) days; and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the Village for a longer time than seven (7) days; except that this section shall not apply with regard to any vehicle in an enclosed building; a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner, when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise; or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the Village.

Section IV: (*Impoundment of Vehicle*) The Village President or his/her designee is hereby authorized to remove or have removed any vehicle left at any place within the Village which reasonably appears to be in violation of this Chapter, or is an Abandoned, Unlicensed and Inoperable Motor Vehicle, or is lost, stolen or unclaimed, provided, that prior to such removal the owner of the affected vehicle is provided notice of the intent to tow the vehicle, or if the owner of the effected vehicle cannot be determined, the notice of intent to tow can be placed physically on the vehicle. The failure of the owner to remove said vehicle shall be deemed such owner's consent to the towing and the payment of the costs of towing and storage. No prior notice shall be required if it is determined that the vehicle due to its location or any other reason is determined to be an immediate hazard to the health and safety of the public. Such vehicle shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of in accordance with Illinois State Statute.

Section V: (*Vehicle Pound*) A vehicle pound is hereby declared to be any suitable place designated by the Village President, at his or her sole discretion, as a vehicle pound. The owner or operator of such vehicle may have the same removed from the impoundment by paying the costs and expenses of the towage and impounding of said vehicle, together with all fines and penalties as provided in this Chapter.

Section VI: (*Penalty*) Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each offense and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section VII: (*Disposal of Unclaimed Motor Vehicles*) The Village President or his/her designee is hereby authorized to dispose of vehicles lawfully impounded pursuant to this Chapter that have remained unclaimed, as follows:

1. The Village President or his/her designee is authorized to dispose of unclaimed motor vehicles currently and hereafter in the possession of the Village pursuant to this Chapter.

2. Disposal of vehicles more than seven (7) years old shall be completed through transfer to a licensed automotive recycler, salvage yard, or scrap processor in compliance with the Illinois Vehicle Code.
4. The Village President or his/her designee is further authorized to dispose of motor vehicles seven (7) years old or newer that remain unclaimed, provided such disposition is conducted in full compliance with the applicable provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code governing the sale or disposal of such vehicles.
5. The Village shall maintain records identifying each vehicle disposed of under this Section and documenting the details of its disposition.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the City Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is expressly adopted pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict.

SECTION 6. This Amendment shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

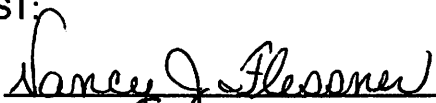
Mayor and the Village Trustees of the Village of Cullom, Livingston County, Illinois, this 24th day of March, 2025.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____ that the above Ordinance be passed.

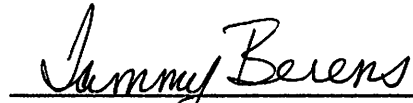
VOTES: YEA: _____ ABSENT: _____
 NAY: _____ NOT VOTING: _____

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:



 Village Clerk



 Village President