

## ARTICLE V. ABANDONED VEHICLES

### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Secs. 46-109—46-128. Reserved.

Sec. 46-129. Definition of Abandoned Vehicle.

A vehicle shall be considered abandoned if it meets any of the following conditions:

1. It has been left unattended on public property for more than four (4) hours in violation of Section 46-130.
2. It is inoperable, dismantled, wrecked, or unregistered and left unattended on public property.
3. It has been left on private property without the property owner's consent for more than ten (10) days.
4. Any Commercial Truck—defined as a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) exceeding 26,000 pounds or primarily used for business purposes, including but not limited to semi-trucks, box trucks, and dump trucks—parked on a public right-of-way for more than one (1) hour, except when actively engaged in loading, unloading, or service-related activities.
5. Any vehicle that poses a public safety hazard, obstructs traffic, or prevents access to essential services.

Exception: A vehicle that is temporarily disabled due to a mechanical issue, such as running out of fuel or a flat tire, shall not be considered abandoned if the owner or operator is actively working to resolve the issue within a reasonable timeframe. The owner or operator must place a visible note on the dashboard or windshield indicating the nature of the issue, contact information, and the estimated time for resolution. Additionally, if the vehicle remains in place for more than four (4) hours, the owner or operator must notify the local authorities to prevent it from being classified as abandoned.

### DIVISION 2. PUBLIC PROPERTY

Sec. 46-130. Time Limitation for Vehicles Parked on Public Right-of-Way.

It is unlawful for the operator or owner of a vehicle to leave it parked on a public right-of-way for more than four (4) continuous hours. Any vehicle exceeding this time limit shall be deemed abandoned.

For Commercial Trucks—defined as vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) exceeding 26,000 pounds or primarily used for business purposes, including but not limited to semi-trucks, box trucks, and dump trucks—parking on a public right-of-way is prohibited except for active loading, unloading, or service-related activities lasting no more than one (1) hour.

Any Commercial Truck parked on a public right-of-way for more than one (1) hour shall be deemed abandoned.

This restriction does not apply to government-owned vehicles or utility service vehicles actively engaged in official duties, maintenance, or emergency response.