

Village of De Soto
Ordinance No.19

Blighted Property and Junked
Vehicles

SECTION ONE:

Findings and declaration of Policy. It is hereby found and declared that there exist, in the Village, structures used for residential and nonresidential use which are, or may become in the future, substandard with respect to structure, equipment or maintenance or further, that such conditions, including, but not limited to, structural deterioration, lack of maintenance and appearance of exterior of premises, infestation and existence of fire hazards constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals, welfare and reasonable comfort of the citizens of the Village. It is further found and declared that, by reason of lack of maintenance and because of progressive deterioration, certain properties have the further effect of creating blighting conditions and initiating slums, and that if the same are not curtailed and removed, these conditions will grow and spread and will necessitate the expenditure of large amounts of public funds to correct and eliminate such conditions, that by reason of timely regulations and restrictions contained in this ordinance, the desirability and amenities of residential and nonresidential uses and neighborhoods may be enhanced and the public health, safety and welfare protected and fostered.

DEFINITIONS

- a. The word “person” as used in this ordinance shall include any and every individual, partnership, corporation, association, or lessee.
- b. The word “blighted” refers to run down, in complete disrepair, and causing public nuisance, health hazard or fire hazard. The exterior of the premises, the exterior of structures and the condition of accessory structures shall be maintained so that the appearance of the premises and structures shall not constitute a blighting factor. General Maintenance. The exterior of every commercial structure or accessory structure, accessory farm structures, including fences or enclosures, shall be maintained in good repair. The same shall be maintained free of broken glass, loose shingles, crumbling stone or brick, excessive peeling paint, loose boards or other conditions reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance to the end that the property itself may be preserved, safety and fire hazards eliminated and adjoining properties protected from blighting influences

- c. The word “property” shall include but not be limited to junked vehicles or parts thereof, unlicensed vehicles, abandoned vehicles, or any personal property, Refuse, such as brush, weeds, broken glass, stumps, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris which is left to accumulate outside of buildings on any real estate within the Village limits of the Village of De Soto.
- d. Exceptions: Residents of the Village shall be allowed a maximum of 1(one) unregistered vehicle on their property in the open and covered, more than 1(one) if properly stored in an completely enclosed and closed storage building.

SECTION TWO: The village of De Soto does hereby adopt and make part of this ordinance s. 66.28 and s. 175.25 of the Wisconsin Statutes by reference or any additions or amendments thereof.

SECTION THREE: Property seized by the Village of De Soto under s. 66.28 Wisconsin Statutes shall be disposed of in a manner prescribed by the Village President after sixty days.

SECTION FOUR: Any person claiming any property which has been seized by the Village shall pay all costs of transporting and storing such property but charges for storage shall not exceed \$5.00 per day for each item.

SECTION FIVE: Any person claiming property which has been seized or is being seized shall be required to provide for the immediate removal from the Village of De Soto or to store such property within a building. Any person violating any of the provisions hereof shall upon conviction be fined not less Fifty (\$50) nor more than five hundred(\$500) dollars for each offense and in default of payment of said fine shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 30 days. Each day that property as herein defined shall be stored contrary to the provisions hereof shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION SIX: All claims for property shall be filed with the Village Clerk in writing which shall properly identify said property.

SECTION SEVEN: Any person receiving notice to remove property pursuant to this ordinance may appeal to the Village Board in the event the person believes that the time allowed is unreasonable.

SECTION EIGHT: PENALTY

Except as proved above, penalty for violation of this ordinance shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and all litigation and court costs.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance Shall Take effect from and after its passage and Posting as required by law and supersedes any other versions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF August, 2005

Village President *Chris Mussatti*
Chris Mussatti

ATTEST:

Carrie A. Brudos

Carrie A. Brudos, Village Clerk

Adopted 9/3/85

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