

MEMO

Date: September 17, 2026

To: Weber County Planning Commission

From: Tammy Aydelotte

Attached are some proposed changes to Weber County Code related to enforcement such that 'inoperable or abandoned vessels' may be taken into consideration.

- Inserting the term 'Inoperable or abandoned vessel' into definitions. Also inserting this term under the definition of 'Junk', and including in the 108-7-6 under 'Garbage Junk, and Weeds Unlawful', as well as 108-7-7.010 'Obstruction In Right-of-Way.



ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO WEBER
COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County (“Commission”) has received a request from the Community Development Department to amend certain provisions of Weber County Code related to Code Enforcement such that “inoperable or abandoned vessels” may be taken into consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Commission understands the need for this clarification and desires to amend the ordinance to allow for this addition;

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission ordains as follows:

1. The Weber County Code, shall be amended as provided in “Exhibit A” as attached to this document.
2. Effective date and publication
 - a. This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its passage.
 - b. The Clerk/Auditor’s office is directed to publish a short summary of this ordinance in the *Standard Examiner* newspaper before 15 days after the date of its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WEBER COUNTY

By _____
Gage Froerer, Chair

Commissioner Froerer voted _____
Commissioner Harvey voted _____
Commissioner Bolos voted _____

ATTEST:

Ricky Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

EXHIBIT A

Sec 101-2-10 I Definitions

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Inoperable or abandoned vehicle. The term "inoperable or abandoned vehicle" means any motor vehicle or trailer not currently registered and licensed in this state or another state; or any motor vehicle or trailer that cannot be operated in its existing condition because the parts necessary for safe and lawful operation, such as tires, windshield, engine, drive train, driver's seat, steering wheel or column, or gas or brake pedals are removed, destroyed, damaged, deteriorated, or nonconforming.

Inoperable or abandoned vessel. The term "inoperable or abandoned vessel" means every type of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water which is not currently registered and licensed in this state or another state; or that cannot be operated in its existing condition because the parts necessary for safe and lawful operation are removed, destroyed, damaged, deteriorated, or nonconforming.

Sec 101-2-11 J Definitions

Junk. The term "junk" means all discarded metals, scrap metals, iron, glass, paper, wood, building materials, plastics, or fiberglass which may have value secondhand but not in their present condition; unused or discarded bicycles, tricycles, or other similar items or parts thereof; waste paper products; unused or discarded building materials, machinery, machinery parts, or

lumber; accumulations of dirt, gravel, ashes, or fire remains; inoperable or abandoned vehicles or vehicle parts; **inoperable or abandoned vessels**; or any other waste materials.

Junkyard. The term "junkyard" means the use of any lot, portion of lot, or tract of land for the storage of salvage materials, keeping or abandonment of junk, including but not limited to, scrap metals or other scrap material, debris, or for the dismantling, demolition or abandonment of automobiles, or other vehicles **or vessels**, or machinery or parts thereof; providing that this definition shall not be deemed to include such uses which are clearly accessory and incidental to any agricultural use permitted in the zone.

Sec 108-7-6 Garbage, Junk, And Weeds Unlawful

1. *Garbage, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, and junk.* It is unlawful for any owner or occupant of land to permit garbage, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, **inoperable or abandoned vessels**, or junk to accumulate or remain on or about the premises whenever it is unsightly and in public view, or whenever it is dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the county. Every owner or occupant of land is hereby required to remove, or provide for the removal of, such garbage, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, and junk before the same become unsanitary, dangerous, or a nuisance.
2. *Weeds and unkempt yards.* Landowners are responsible for clearing all weeds from their property, including their property's perimeter and any adjacent sidewalk, trail or pathway, parkstrip, or unimproved portions of public rights-of-way. A yard, and any adjacent sidewalk, trail or pathway, parkstrip, or unimproved portion of public rights-of-way that are visible from a public right-of-way shall be maintained so that the property's

appearance does not detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Weeds, except noxious or invasive weeds which shall be removed promptly, and turf grasses shall be maintained at a height of not more than eight inches at any time, and the cuttings shall be promptly disposed of in an organized manner or mulched in place. Native vegetation, including grasses, and wildflowers, and shrubs, maintained in a natural state are exempt from the eight-inch regulation. Where a street has curbing, or where a deferral agreement for curbing was required, it is the responsibility of the property owner, not the County, to maintain, cut, or remove any vegetation that is between the edge of the travel surface within the public right-of-way and the edge of the public right-of-way adjoining the owner's property.

3. *Exemptions.* This section shall not apply to items which are clearly accessory and incidental to any agricultural use permitted in the zone, or to items completely and lawfully enclosed within a building or enclosure where it is not visible from a public or private way or other public or private property and which does not constitute a nuisance, endanger or adversely affect the health or welfare of the community, or the keeping of which does not violate any other law or ordinance.
4. *Owner or occupant responsibility.* Any owner or occupant of land that allows for the violation of this section shall make proper arrangements for the correction of the violation.
5. *Public streets and other public property.*

1. It is unlawful for any person to place or deposit in or upon any public street, right-of-way, or other public property in unincorporated areas of the county any garbage, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, inoperable or abandoned vessels, junk,

weeds, or any other vegetation, if the deposited items or materials may interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or may in any way be dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the county.

2. It is the responsibility of owners or occupants of land adjoining a public right-of-way, pedestrian pathway, or sidewalk to ensure continual removal of vegetation overgrowth.
3. In addition to the requirements of section 32-8-2, owners or occupants of a platted building lot, or a lot of record with an existing residential, commercial, or manufacturing use, that adjoins a paved pedestrian pathway and is less than five acres shall also be required to ensure continual removal of snow from the pathway.

Sec 108-7-7.010 Obstructions In Right-Of-Way

To ensure deposited items or materials do not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic or in any way be dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the county, it is unlawful for any person to place or deposit in or upon any Public Street, right-of-way, or other public property in unincorporated areas of the county any garbage, inoperable or abandoned vehicles, inoperable or abandoned vessels, junk, weeds, or any other vegetation.

SUMMARY OF WEBER COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. _____

SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEBER COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE

On _____, the Board of County Commissioners of Weber County adopted Ordinance No. _____, amending the Weber County Code to contemplate the existence of inoperable or abandoned vessels for the purposes of code enforcement.

Commissioners _____ voted in favor of this ordinance.

(If applicable) Commissioner _____ voted against this ordinance.

The complete text of the ordinance is available at the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's Office at 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah and on the Weber County web page at webercountyutah.gov.