

ORDINANCE NO. 30-75 Storage of junk and unsightly debris regulated.
(Updated August 7, 2024 in its entirety)

Whereas, the Village Board of the Village of Spring Valley has set forth standards, provisions, and requirements regarding abandoned iceboxes or containers and storage of junk & unsightly debris on property; and

Whereas, Ordinance 30-75 shall be superseded immediately by this Ordinance 30-75 in its entirety upon acceptance and approval by the Village Board of Trustees; and

Now, therefore, the Village Board of the Village of Spring Valley does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

A. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall be applicable:

1. Business property. All parcels within the Village of Spring valley used for purposes of Commercial, Industrial, or any other activities as to running a business.
2. Residential property. All parcels within the Village of Spring Valley that are used as residential dwellings and not used for purposes Commercial, Industrial, or any other activities as to running a business.
3. Unenclosed. Capable of being viewed from any height up to six (6) feet above grade from any point on an adjoining parcel or from any public property or street with two hundred (200) feet.
4. Unsightly debris. Includes by way of illustration but not limited to:
 - a. Parts of vehicles such as tires, chassis parts, body panels, bumpers, and batteries.
 - b. Appliances, furniture and household furnishings
 - c. Construction materials, construction debris, tools and equipment
 - d. Agricultural and garden materials, tools, and equipment
 - e. Broken or dilapidated cargo trailers, livestock trailers, trailers for transporting any type of vehicle, including snowmobiles, watercraft, and travel trailers for camping or recreations use.
 - f. Discarded broken or dilapidated toys, bicycles, play equipment, and sporting goods.
 - g. Other unsightly, junked, broken, dilapidated or discarded items similar in nature to any of the above items.

B. Restrictions on storage.

No junked items or unsightly debris shall be stored unenclosed within the Village on residential property for more than seventy-two (72) hours or on business property for more than thirty-six (36) hours.

C. Temporary extensions of deadline.

The Village may issue an extension of up to thirty (30) additional days to comply with this Section where exceptional facts and circumstances warrant.

D. Enforcement

1. Notice of violation. Whenever the Village shall find any junk or unsightly debris on private property within the Village in violation of this section, he/she shall notify the owner of the property of the violation. If the junk or debris is not removed within ten (10) days, a Village enforcement officer shall cause to be issued a citation to the property owner and/or tenant of the property upon which said junk/debris is stored.

2. Removal; Impoundment; sale. If such debris is not removed with ten (10) days after issuance of a citation, a Village enforcement officer shall cause the debris to be removed and it shall thereafter be disposed of or sold. Any cost incurred in the removal and sale of any junk or debris shall be recovered from the owners. However, if the owner of the junk or debris cannot readily be found, the cost of such removal shall be charged to the property from which it is removed and such charges shall be entered as a special charge on the tax roll.

Whereas, this ordinance shall coincide with all other ordinances which benefit the safety, health, and welfare along with the enhancement and to increase values of the Village of Spring Valley community and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and should any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Village Board, Village of Spring Valley, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin, the 7th day of August, 2024.