

**ORDINANCE NO 2026-03—VILLAGE OF STETSONVILLE
ABANDONED/NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES ORDINANCE**

The Village Board of the Village of Stetsonville does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance shall be known as the “Village of Stetsonville Abandoned/Non-Registered Motor Vehicles Ordinance.” The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent blight, to secure healthy and humane living conditions, to protect the integrity of investments in real property, to prevent the decline of real estate values, to improve aesthetics, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare. In order to secure this goal, Wisconsin Statutes § 342.40 is adopted and activities contrary to this ordinance are deemed to constitute a matter of public concern which must be regulated or prescribed through the exercise of the Village’s powers pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 61.34(1) and (5).

Section 2. VEHICLE ABANDONMENT/UNREGISTERED PROHIBITED; REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

- A. No person shall leave unattended or unregistered any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home on any public highway or private or public property, for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. A motor vehicle shall not be considered an abandoned motor vehicle when it is out of ordinary public view, or when designated as not abandoned by duty authorized police, municipal, or county official pursuant to municipal or county ordinance. Upon determination of a violation, the Village Clerk shall notify the owner of the vehicle. The notice shall specify the nature of the violation, the required correction, and a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days, to correct the violation.
- B. Any vehicle in violation of this section shall be impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of under Wisconsin Statutes § 342.40.
- C. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of \$100, plus \$100 daily until the vehicle is removed/registered plus costs and fees. In addition, any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to payment for the actual costs of impounding and disposing of the vehicle. See Ordinance# 2026-01.

Section 3. NONEXCLUSIVITY

- A. Other Ordinances. This section does not preclude the board from adopting any other ordinances or providing for the enforcement of any law or ordinance relating to the same or other matter.
- B. Other Remedies. The issuance of a citation hereunder shall not preclude the Village of Stetsonville or any authorized officer from proceeding under any other ordinance or law or by any other enforcement method to enforce any ordinance, regulation or order.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Adopted: February 9, 2026

Published/Posted: February 24, 2026

Effective: February 24, 2026

/s/ Greg Brunner, Village President

Attest:

/s/ Tia M. Kancilia, Clerk/Treasurer