

**VILLAGE OF CORNELL**

**ORDINANCE 3.1**

**ORDINANCE REGULATING JUNKYARDS**

**BE IT ORDAINED THAT:**

**SECTION I: (Definitions)** The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this Ordinance:

JUNKYARDS are defined as salvage yards of any type or purpose, whether restricted to salvage of automobiles and other vehicles, or whether restricted to other types of salvage. They also include and are defined as salvage yards whether non-restricted in articles stored or salvaged in said yards.

Such junkyards are hereby declared to be a public nuisance by reason of their general appearance, tendency to catch and hold water until stagnant, their likelihood of harboring rats, mice, insects, and their likelihood of storage of combustible material.

**SECTION II: (Inspection)** Any property within the Village limits that is being used for storage or does store vehicles and other materials in view of the public and to such a degree it does not reasonably appear to be for personal, regular use of the owner or occupant of such premises shall be open to inspection at any reasonable time by officers of the Village or its designated agents to determine if the property is in violation of this Ordinance or is being operated in such a manner that is endangers the health and safety of the residents and others within the Village.

**SECTION III: (Notification)** The owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person in control and possession of any property upon which a junkyard or salvage business is operated shall annually notify the Village Clerk in writing of the location of the premises, the name of the owner thereof, the name of lessee, if any, the name of the operator of the junkyard or salvage business, if he is not the owner or lessee of the property, and shall sign an authorization recognizing that the Village officials or its agents may enter the premises at any reasonable time for purpose of inspection per Section II of this Ordinance.

Said notice shall be provided on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January of each calendar year.

**SECTION IV: (Annual Registration Fee)** At the time of the annual notification required in Section III the operator of the business or junkyard, or the owner of the property shall pay to the Village of Cornell an annual registration fee of \$5,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses to the Village for the administration of the registration, and the cost of the periodical inspections of the property.

**SECTION V: (Fencing)** Within six months of the adoption of this Ordinance or its publication whichever occurs later, the operator of any salvage business or owner of the property upon which it is operated, shall erect at no cost to the Village a board, vinyl solid fence of sufficient height to obstruct any view of the materials on the property, but in no event less than 10 feet from above the ground and completely enclosing the premises or the portion thereof upon which the materials are stored. Gates or doors for ingress and egress to and from the property enclosed by the fence shall be of similar material, the same height as the fence, and shall be kept closed except when someone is entering or exiting the property.

**SECTION VI: (Maintenance)** It shall be the duty of the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, person in control or possession of the property or operator of the salvage business or junkyard within the Village limits to diligently exterminate any rats, mice, and insects, and to eliminate any standing, stagnant water thereon upon receipt of written notice from the Village to do so.

This shall be done within \_\_\_\_ days of the notice.

Further it shall be their duty to comply with the recommendations of the Village or County Board of Health regarding sanitation, disease prevention and public health measure.

**SECTION VII: (Penalty)** Whoever violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$100, nor more than \$500 per violation. For purposes of this Ordinance a separate and distinct violation exists for each day the property is or remains in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION VII: (Repeal)** Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, the Village of Cornell Ordinance 3 adopted prior to this Ordinance is repealed.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024 pursuant to roll call as follows:

Motion made by Carol Burgone, seconded by Don Leonard, that the Ordinance be passed.

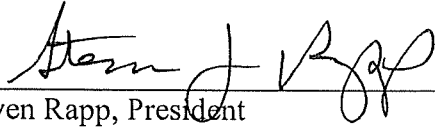
Ayes: 5

Not Voting: 0

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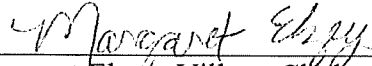
Abstaining: 0

Approved by me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.



Steven Rapp, President  
Board of Trustees for the  
Village of Cornell

Attested to this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.



Margaret Elzey, Village Clerk