

Junkyard/Salvage Outline



There are two parts that will require enforcement involving the order:

1. **Aesthetics/Screening (May 23, 2017)**: Order adopting visual aesthetic standards:
 - a. Height, color and construction type requirements
 - i. **Height.** *The entire fence must be at least eight (8) feet in height.*
 - ii. **Design.** *Such screening shall be so designed as to cause the junkyard or automotive wrecking and salvage yard area to be inconspicuous and pleasing to the motoring public.*
 - iii. **Fencing Material.** *The fencing shall be constructed of wood, masonry, corrugated sheet metal, chain link, or a combination of these materials and must be painted a single earth tone color.*
 - iv. **Signs.** *The fence may not have any signs appear on its surface, other than a sign indicating the business name.*
 - v. **Location.** *The fence must be located outside the right-of-way in such manner as not to interfere in any way with traffic along any highway or roadway. The location of the yard, not fence, must meet the current state requirements, 50 feet from right of way and 50 feet from nearest property line.*
 - b. Businesses must meet screening requirements by December 1, 2017
 - c. All businesses operating after August 26, 1992 are subject to the Order that is adopted
 - d. Fire Marshal will notify businesses that they must build a fence by December 1, 2017, and start the enforcement of state laws.

2. **Licensing (Jan. 1, 2018)**: Ordinance requiring annual license:
 - a. Businesses must have a permit to operate in the county, whether current or new
 - b. Incorporates visual aesthetic standards (previously passed Order above)
 - i. Height, color and construction type requirements
 - ii. Businesses must meet screening requirements by December 1, 2017
 - c. Setback lines (locations approved by Commissioners Court)
 - d. Must pay fees to obtain license (\$25)
 - e. The license must be obtained by January 1, 2018
 - f. Violations of Ordinance:
 - i. Criminal – Class C Misdemeanors punishable by fine
 - ii. Civil – Injunction to prohibit violation or threatened violation
 - iii. Civil – Monetary penalties incorporated by the Order

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