

ORDINANCE NO. 1411 of 2026

**BOROUGH OF DONORA, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AN ORDINANCE
REGULATING THE STORAGE OF ABANDONED AND JUNKED VEHICLES AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS**

SECTION 1 — Definitions

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

(a) Junked Vehicle — A self-propelled, fuel-powered vehicle or piece of mobile equipment that is inoperable due to missing or removed essential components, including but not limited to: body panels, windshield, wheels, tires, engine, transmission, or any other part necessary for the vehicle to move under its own power.

(b) Abandoned Vehicle — Any vehicle that lacks **either**:

- a valid, current Pennsylvania safety inspection sticker, **or**
- a valid, current Pennsylvania registration plate,
- including any vehicle displaying an **expired, invalid, or non-existing** inspection sticker or registration plate from any State or Commonwealth.

(c) Person — Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity.

SECTION 2 — Prohibited Conduct

No person shall store, keep, maintain, or permit the storage of any abandoned or junked vehicle on any public or private property within the Borough of Donora, unless expressly authorized by Borough code (e.g., licensed automotive repair facilities, salvage yards, or towing operations operating in compliance with applicable law).

SECTION 3 — Enforcement and Penalties

(a) Violation. Any person who violates this Ordinance commits a summary offense.

Penalty. Upon conviction, the violator shall be subject to a sliding fine of **\$100.00 to \$500.00**, plus court costs, in which a **second subsequent offense** shall a fine of **\$1,000.00**, and a **subsequent third offense** shall be a **Misdemeanor of the Third Degree** (Cross Referencing PA Vehicle Code Section 3712 (b) Abandonment on public or private property, and PA Vehicle Code Section 3712 (d) Penalties).

(b) Abatement. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) Removal Authority. The Borough may order the removal of any abandoned or junked vehicle in accordance with applicable state law, following Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Section 7305, Notice to Owner and Lienholders of Abandoned Vehicles, and Section 7307 Authorization for disposal of unclaimed vehicles.

SECTION 4 — Repealer

Repeal of Prior Ordinance — *Ordinance 1070 of 1967 is hereby repealed in its entirety.*

SECTION 5 — Severability

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6 — Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED on this 11TH day of JUNE, 2026


Casey J. Perrotta, President of Council

ATTEST:


Michael J. Thornton, Borough Administrator

EXAMINED AND APPROVED on this 11TH day of JUNE, 2026


Donald E. Pavelko, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael J. Thornton, Borough Administrator