

The Following Proposed Ordinance Changes Were Introduced at the January 17, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting and Will Be Voted on at the February 21, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting*

***Updates Highlighted**

Section 16A-101.

Storage of Unregistered or Unlicensed Motor Vehicles

Unless otherwise authorized, no person owning, leasing, occupying, or having charge of any residential or commercial premises within the Town of Morningside shall allow or cause any unregistered, unlicensed, **expired, suspended registration,** wrecked, unused, or in a junked condition, stripped for spare parts, or otherwise non-operating motor vehicle to remain on residential or commercial property, **street, road,** lot or field whether covered or uncovered. The Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer or his agent upon discovering a vehicle in violation of this section shall place a Warning Notice upon the vehicle or trailer and issue a written notice stating the violation of this article and section to the property owner giving twenty (20) days to comply. **Owner must supply proof of valid registration to the Town of Morningside.**

After twenty (20) days should the vehicle or trailer not be brought into compliance with this article and section, the Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer or his agent shall issue a Uniform Civil Citation for said vehicle or trailer. **The fine for this violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).**

Failure to comply will cause the vehicle or trailer to be impounded fourteen (14) days from the date of the Uniform Civil Citation.

- a. Impound vehicles or trailers in accordance with this article and section shall be subject to a Uniform Civil Citation for an administrative fee of **sixty dollars (\$60.00)- One Hundred Dollars.**
- b. All costs and Uniform Civil Citations incurred by the Town of Morningside to remove the vehicle or trailer shall be paid by the vehicle or trailer owner or property owner or both within thirty (30) days. Failure to pay the cost will be considered to be a forfeiture. After forfeiture, the cost may be added to the property tax bill for the upcoming year, or collected by suit, or both.
- c. Properties exempt from this article are: licensed motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle mechanical or body repair facilities, and towing and storage businesses. However, such

vehicles must be stored on a licensed and fenced property as to shield from view and shall not be stored more than ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) days.

Upon written request submitted to the Mayor and Town Council and good cause being shown, an extension may be granted for storage of the vehicle ~~for up to sixty (60) days~~ by the Mayor and Town Council.

Section 16-121.

Parking Unregistered, ~~Suspended, Expired Registration~~ Vehicles

16-121a.

It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing any unregistered motor vehicle on any street or right-of-way. **Penalty for each violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).**

16-121b.

It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle displaying expired registration through any State on any street or right-of-way. **Penalty for each violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).**

16-121c.

It shall be unlawful to park or leave standing any vehicle with suspended registration through any State on any street or right-of-way. **Penalty for each violation shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).**