

Town of Raynham, Massachusetts

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Section 2/41

JUNK, SCRAP, DEBRIS

Section 1.

Any items such as junk; scrap; rubble; debris; building salvage; abandoned, disassembled, inoperable, junked or wrecked motor vehicles, truck bodies, tractors or trailers; propane tanks not connected to propane using devices, gasoline (or similar products) cans; disassembled, inoperable junked or wrecked machinery; wreckage or damaged or demolished buildings and other discarded or secondhand items, if not directly utilized by a legally operating use licensed by the Town of Raynham, and if located in any yard or any vacant lot abutting a public way or publicly used area, shall be subject to the requirements of this Article.

Section 2.

Such items shall be suitably screened from view or shall be cleared from the site. Suitable screening shall mean, at a minimum, that the material has been removed to a portion of the site that is not within dimensional setbacks described in the Zoning By-law, and that it shall be screened from view and access by the public by using attractive and other permitted walls, fences and/or plant materials.

Section 3.

a. Any person who violates the provisions of this By-law shall be subject to penalty of \$50.00 for the first offense, and \$100.00 for the second and each subsequent offense. Each day that a violation exists shall be considered a separate offense.

b. This By-law may be enforced and administered pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 21D for the use of non-criminal disposition of violations. The persons who are empowered to enforce the provisions of this By-law are Town of Raynham Building Commissioner and his agents, and the Town of Raynham police officers.

Section 4.

The items described in this By-law are declared public nuisances; and, notwithstanding any other language in this By-law, the Town of Raynham Board of Health, through its Board of Health Agent, may take such steps, including but not limited to commencing a civil action in the appropriate court and seeking court orders for the removal of such items, to alleviate such public nuisances.

Section 5.

If any provision(s) of this By-law shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the By-law shall not be affected thereby; additionally, the invalid provision shall be interpreted and applied until amendment by the appropriate body to the fullest extent applicable under Massachusetts law and regulations.

(Adopted May 16, 2011)

