

UNREGISTERED VEHICLE BYLAW
Originally adopted: May 19, 1986 (Article 38)
Amended: December 16, 1991 (Article 6)
Amended: May 15, 2000 (Article 32)
Amended: May 19, 2003 (Article 25)

“UNREGISTERED VEHICLES” No person(s) shall deposit, store, keep, place, park, accumulated, allow to be accumulated, allow to be stored, allowed to be deposited, repair, or permit to remain in the open, upon premises owned by him/her, or under his/her control for a period greater than thirty (30) days in the aggregate, within any calendar year, any unregistered or any dismantled, unserviceable, junked or abandoned motor vehicle or motor vehicles unless he/she is licensed to do so under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 140, as amended. Any person found to be in violation of this provision will be notified of said violation by an authorized member of the Somerset Police Department or other duly-authorized Town official, and said person shall have thirty (30) days to either remove the vehicle from his or her property, register it, or apply to the Board of Selectmen for a hearing to obtain written permission to maintain the vehicle on the property for an additional period of time. In order to receive such permission, a person who has received a notice of violation must within thirty (30) days of that notification submit in writing to the Board of Selectmen a request for hearing, specifying the identity of the vehicle in question, the manner in which the vehicle will be stored, and the additional storage time requested. After hearing, the Board may grant written permission to store the vehicle for an additional period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of hearing, which permission may include a requirement that the applicant completely screen or cover the vehicle from the view of neighbors and from neighboring property, lands, ways, or public highways. Absent such written permission, a continued violation of this By-law shall be deemed to exist. In granting or denying said written permission, the Board of Selectmen shall consider whether said practice constitutes a danger to the safety and health of the general public and shall base its decision on whether the premises are adequate for the carrying on of said practice, including the existence of building or buildings for the conduct of such practice, the proximity of the premises to a public roadway, park, bathing beach, playground, school, church, or cemetery, and whether the premises are screened from view either by natural objects of well-constructed and properly maintained fences, but at least six feet high. This By-law shall not apply to the following: agricultural vehicles used in the operation of a farm; recreational vehicles (including but not limited to boat and utility trailers, campers and motor homes) that are in good operating condition and are registered for at least six months out of every calendar year; construction equipment and similar work vehicles that can be operated off-road without registration, provided that such vehicles are in good operating condition and subject to receiving permission from the Board of

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Selectmen; and, construction site and equipment storage trailers while they are being used at an active construction site. Whoever violates or continues to violate this By-law after having been notified of such violation shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00. Each week during such violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate offense by such person(s). As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, a police officer may employ the provisions and procedures for non-criminal disposition of violations contained in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 21D, and the non-criminal disposition By-law adopted at the December 16, 1991, Special Town Meeting. If such a disposition is employed, the penalty shall be Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST: _____
Dolores Berge, Town Clerk