Chapter 10 - AUTO SALVAGE AND RECYCLED MATERIALS YARDS

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5-10-1: - Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

Access Road: That area privately owned and maintained and set aside within an automobile salvage yard or recycling yard for use as a fire lane or an interior road system providing vehicular access throughout the automobile salvage and recycled materials yard or recycling yard.

Adjoining: Contiguous, or separated only by a rear lot line or side lot line.

Automobile: Any self propelled, wheeled vehicle designed for transportation, shipping, or recreation use, and commonly propelled by an internal combustion engine using a volatile fuel.

Automobile Salvage Yard: An area along with such accessory buildings and structures as provided for in this Chapter, where the process of automobile salvage and dismantling or the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled, obsolete or wrecked vehicles or parts thereof prevails. This term does not include automobile sales areas where used cars in a functional condition, or new cars are stored prior to sale. Also, the term shall not include any public place of impoundment of abandoned or impounded automobiles.

Chief Building Official: The Chief Building Official of the City of Englewood, Colorado, or the Chief Building Official's authorized designee.

Permit: Written permit issued by the Chief Building Official to construct or alter any building, structure or other improvement in or upon any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard.

Purchase Register: Written record, on forms approved by the City, on which is kept an accurate account and description of each and all of the articles purchased, the price paid, date and time of purchase, and the name and address of each person making a sale to the license holder.

Recyclable: Goods or materials which are no longer usable for their original purpose or serviceable in their original state, but may be reduced to their original condition so that they may be reprocessed and used again.

Recycling Yard: An area with such accessory buildings and structures as provided for in this Chapter, where the salvaged goods or materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, packed, disassembled or handled.

(Ord. 97-48)

5-10-2: - License Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard without first obtaining a license.

(Ord. 97-48)

5-10-3: - Application for License.

Automobile salvage yard and recycling yard licenses shall be issued in accordance with Chapter 1, of this Title.

(Ord. 97-48)

5-10-4: - Special Conditions and Restrictions of the License.

In addition to the requirements of Chapter 1 of this Title, the following special conditions and restrictions apply:

A.

Permit to Expand: It shall be unlawful to excavate, fill, or construct any building or other structure, including accessory structures, in or upon any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard; or to store materials, or to construct entrances or parking lots, or surface any area, commence the moving, structural alterations, conversions, extensions, enlargements, alteration or repair of structures, in or upon any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard until a building permit is issued.

An application for a building permit shall be accompanied by a copy of this license and by two (2) copies of a plan or plat, drawn to scale, showing the following in sufficient detail to enable the building division to ascertain whether the proposed excavation, fill, construction, reconstruction or conversion, moving or alteration is in conformance with the provisions of this Chapter:

1.

The actual shape, proportion, dimensions, public easements or rights of way and topography of the site where such proposed changes are to be made; and satisfactory evidence that actual corners of the lot are shown and are established on the grounds by a certified survey made by a registered land surveyor or engineer, such established corners to be marked by pins set in concrete.

2.

The general sanitary and storm drainage system which shall be subject to approval by the City.

3.

The shape, size and locations of all buildings or other structures to be erected, altered or moved and any buildings or other structures existing on the lot.

4.

The existing and intended use of all such buildings or other structures and land.

5.

The dimensions of all yards and such other information concerning the lot or adjoining lots as may be essential for determining that the provisions of this Chapter are being observed.

6.

The location and width of the access road(s) together with the size of the storage areas.

7.

Any other information as may be required by the Building Code.

B.

Location, Space and General Layout: Automobile salvage and recycling yards shall be located on well drained sites and shall be so located that its drainage will not endanger any water supply. All such uses shall be in areas free from swamps or other potential breeding places for insects or rodents.

1.

Access Roads.

a.

Access roads, as defined and required by this Chapter, shall be kept open at all times and free from obstruction as fire lanes. Such roads must be kept graded and drained at all times.

b.

Such access roads shall be provided as are necessary throughout the licensed premises to insure adequate health and fire protection for the district in which the yard is located; such roads shall be provided according to the specifications hereinafter set forth, and shall be approved by the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works, or their authorized designees.

c.

The minimum width for two-way access roads shall be twenty five feet (25′); for one-way access roads, the minimum width shall be fifteen feet (15′). Curves on all access roads shall have a minimum inside radius of not less than twenty feet (20′).

2.

Ingress and Egress from Public Streets. The location and size of driveways leading to and from the public street to any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall be subject to the following conditions:

a.

No portion of any driveway shall be closer than thirty feet (30′) to the curb line of a street intersection, nor closer than ten feet (10′) to a fire hydrant, catch basin, end of curb radius at corners or property line of an intersecting street.

b.

The width of any driveway shall not exceed twenty five feet (25′) measured along its intersection with the property line.

c.

No two (2) driveways from the same use shall be within thirty feet (30′) of each other measured along the driveways intersection with the curb line.

3.

Off-Street Loading Requirements. Off-street loading berths or facilities for off-street loading for any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall be located completely within the confines of the required wall or fence surrounding the yard.

C.

Sanitation and Fire Provisions:

1.

Water Supply.

a.

An accessible, adequate and safe supply of safe, potable water shall be provided to every automobile salvage yard and recycling yard.

b.

All water supply facilities, i.e., pipes, valves, outlets, shall be open to inspection by the Chief Building Official or any other duly authorized person.

c.

The development of an independent water supply to serve any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall be made only after express approval has been granted by the Department of Public Health of the State of Colorado.

2.

Sewage disposal. All sewage disposal shall be in accordance with this Code and all plumbing in any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall comply with the plumbing laws and health regulations of the City, County of Arapahoe, Tri-County District Health Department and State of Colorado.

3.

Refuse Disposal.

a.

The storage, collection and disposal of refuse in or upon any automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall be so managed as to avoid health hazards, rodent harborage, insect-breeding areas, accident hazards or air or environmental pollution.

b.

Materials or wastes shall be secured upon the licensed premises in such manner that they cannot be carried off the premises by natural causes or forces.

c.

All materials or wastes which may cause fumes, dust, or are edible or attractive to rodents or insects shall not be stored outdoors unless placed in closed containers.

4.

Fire Protection.

i.

All areas shall be kept free of litter, rubbish and other flammable materials.

ii.

Fire extinguishers shall be maintained, the number, kind and location of which shall be approved by the Fire Chief or the Fire Marshal.

D.

General Regulations:

1.

Every automobile salvage yard or recycling yard shall be enclosed on its perimeter with a solid, nontransparent vertical wall or fence with a minimum height of six feet (6′) and a maximum of twelve feet (12′) measured from ground level. every gate for any such yard shall be of solid nontransparent construction of new or used material in reasonably good condition. Each such gate shall be the same height as the wall or fence. The license holder shall maintain all walls, fences, and gates in good condition.

2.

Walls, fences, and gates shall not have any signs, posters, or other advertisement except that needed to identify the licensed business.

3.

Materials shall not be stacked so they are visible above the surrounding wall, fence, or gate from ground level.

4.

All operations, including temporary storage, shall be confined to the interior of the licensed premises.

5.

The storage of all recyclable materials or automobiles shall be conducted in a safe manner.

6.

All operations shall be conducted in a manner that does not emit any obnoxious or dangerous noise, vibration, dust, heat, glare, radiation, odors, fumes, gas or smoke beyond the boundaries of the licensed premises.

7.

The license holder shall not allow any material to be burned on the licensed premises.

8.

All chemicals and fluids, including but not limited to gasoline, oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, and radiator fluid shall be drained and stored in compliance with the provisions of this Code and applicable State and Federal regulations. These provisions do not apply to vehicles in proper operating condition.

9.

All batteries shall be stored in a manner that protects the public from fire, fumes, leakage, and any other hazards.

10.

Advertising signs must not flash or cast glare on any surrounding residential area or conflict with any traffic control devices.

E.

Management and Operation: The license holder, manager, or other person in charge of the licensed premises shall:

1.

Keep a written purchase register, on forms approved by the City. The register shall be open for inspection by any authorized representative of the City at any reasonable time.

2.

Maintain the licensed premises in a clean, orderly and sanitary condition at all times.

3.

Ensure all the provisions of this Chapter are complied with and enforced.

(Ord. 97-48; Ord. 08-5, § 5)