

# NEW INOPERABLE VEHICLE REGULATIONS

Effective January 1, 2014

An inoperable vehicle is defined as a vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that:

- Is not in operating condition, or
- Lacks a valid license plate or inspection sticker, or
- Has an inspection decal that has been expired for over 60 days

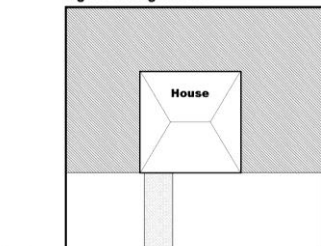
**On properties in residential zoning districts** you may keep **one (1) inoperable vehicle\*** outside of an enclosed building and **must cover or screen the vehicle** using one of the following methods:

- A form fitting default-free vehicle cover that completely screens the body of the vehicle from view. Tarps are not permitted vehicle covers.
- A wood fence sufficient to screen the vehicle from view at ground level from surrounding properties.
- An evergreen hedge sufficient to screen the vehicle from view at ground level from surrounding properties.
- A masonry wall sufficient to screen the vehicle from view at ground level from surrounding properties.

\* A second inoperable vehicle that is actively being used to restore or repair the permitted inoperable vehicle may be kept for up to 180 days, provided that it is shielded or screened from view by any of the methods listed above and stored behind any face of the house that is oriented toward a street.

**In addition to screening, the inoperable vehicle must be stored behind any face of the house that is oriented toward a street as illustrated in the following figures:**

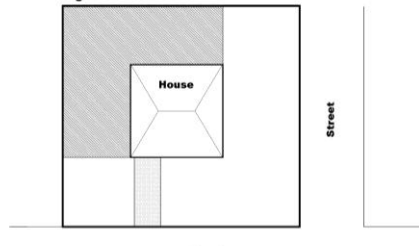
Figure 1. Regular Lot



Street

Acceptable Area

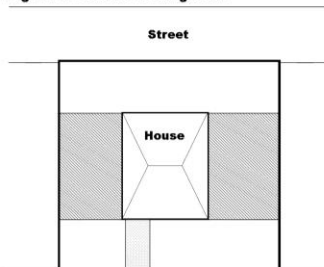
Figure 2. Corner Lot



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Acceptable Area

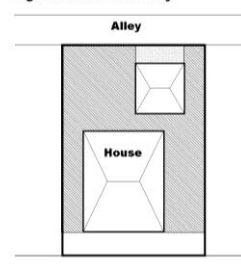
Figure 3. Double Frontage Lot



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Acceptable Area

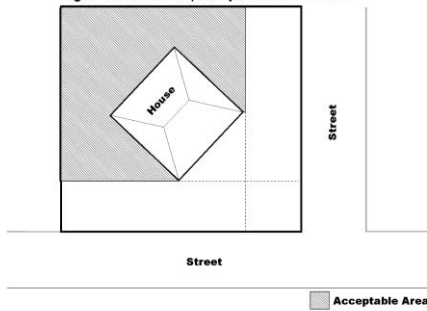
Figure 4. Lot with Alley



Street

Acceptable Area

Figure 5. Corner Lot, Non-parallel Orientation



**The following are EXEMPT from these regulations:**

- ATVs
- Recreational vehicles stored on a vehicle trailer with valid license plates
- Licensed businesses regularly engaged in vehicle sales, salvage or repair

**NOTE: These regulations do not apply in the Rural Areas district.**

Inoperable vehicle regulations can be found in Sections [9-500](#) and [18-4.12.3](#) of the Albemarle County Code. Please contact Community Development with any questions or concerns at (434) 296-5832.

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