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Ordinance

Amendment of Municipal Code Section 9-80-110 regarding abandonment of motor vehicles on vacant lots Committee on Budget and Government Operations

BUDGET

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-80-110 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language struck through and inserting the language underscored, as follows:

9-80-110 Abandoned vehicles.

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(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle in full view of the general public, or to abandon any motor vehicle in full view of the general public. A vehicle shall be deemed to be abandoned for purposes of this subsection (b) if such vehicle is located on a vacant lot and: (i) is in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being driven in its present condition, (ii) has not been moved or used for more than seven consecutive days and is apparently deserted, or (iii) has been left on such vacant lot without state registration plates or a temporary state registration placard for four or more days. Members of the police department and employees of the department of streets and sanitation are hereby authorized to issue a notice of parking violation and may authorize the immediate removal of any hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle where such vehicle is left in full view of the general public or any abandoned motor vehicle in full view of the general public, whether on public or private property. Any vehicle so removed shall be towed to an authorized facility. The owner of a vehicle towed under the provisions of this subsection shall be entitled to notice, pursuant to Section 4-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, of the right to request a hearing regarding the validity of the tow and any towing or storage charges. as provided in Section 9-92-080. Unclaimed hazardous dilapidated motor vehicles that are removed under this subsection (b) shall be disposed of as provided in Sections 4-208 and 4-209.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended; provided, however, that if the hazardous dilapidated such motor vehicle bears no ascertainable vehicle identification number, and no registrationregistration sticker as defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code, and no other identification by which the last registered owner of the vehicle can be determined for the purpose of giving notice, the vehicle may be disposed of immediately after it is impounded at a public facility. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to any motor vehicle that is kept within a building when not in use, to inoperable historic vehicles over 25 years of age, or to a motor vehicle on the premises of a place of business engaged in the wrecking or junking of motor vehicles. Any person who violates this section shall be fined the amount set forth in Section 9-100-020 for each offense. Each day a vehicle remains abandoned shall constitute a separate and distinct offense for which a separate penalty may be imposed.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance):

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective ten days following passage and publication.

