BOROUGH OF RIVERTON ORDINANCE #2-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES, ABANDONED"

WHEREAS, Chapter 121 of the Code of the Borough of Riverton (the "Borough") entitled "Vehicles, Abandoned," sets forth miscellaneous public safety provisions related to the use and storage of motor vehicles within the Borough;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the definition of "Abandon" as presently set forth in the Code should be amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40: 48-2, the Borough Council is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the Borough by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Riverton, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 94, Section 121-2 of the Code of the Borough of Riverton, entitled "Definitions" is hereby amended, revised, and supplemented to read as follows:

ABANDON

Any motor vehicle, omnibus, road tractor, trailer, truck, truck-tractor and vehicle which:

- A. Is parked without the current year's registration certificate, license plates or valid State issued inspection sticker as required by law; or
- B. Has been continuously parked on any public street or on any public land for a period of five (5) or more days or on private lawns and land for a period of fifteen (15) or more days, or which has been deemed a nuisance specifically if said vehicle is deemed to be deteriorating, displays damaged or missing parts, has been wrecked, disassembled or is stripped of usable parts, and:
 - (1) Is either so disabled as to constitute an obstruction to traffic and the driver or person owning or in charge thereof neglects or refuses to move the same to a place where it will not obstruct traffic; or
 - (2) Is found to be mechanically inoperative and is allowed to remain inoperative on public land for a period of five (5) or more days or on a private lawn or land for a period of fifteen (15) or more days. Said period of time may be extended, for good cause, by the Police Department and/or Code Enforcement.

JUNK AUTOMOBILE or JUNK AUTOMOBILE BODY

Any automobile which is no longer in actual use as a motor vehicle or which is wholly unfit, without rebuilding or reconditioning, for use in highway transportation, or which has been discarded for use as a motor vehicle or otherwise abandoned.

MOTOR VEHICLE, OMNIBUS, ROAD TRACTOR, TRAILVER, TRUCK, TRUCK-TRACTOR and VEHICLE

Are intended to have the meaning stated and defined in N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 et seq.

PERSON

Any individual, firm, partnership or corporation being the owner or having any legal right in, of or to the motor vehicle or other vehicle as herein defined.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department of the Borough of Riverton.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. If the provisions of any section, paragraph, subsection, or clause, of this amending ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance within applicable law.

INTRODUCTION Roll Call Vote									
Council Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent			
Banik						X			
Fullerton		X	X						
Lucas			X						
Rafter	x		X						
Reed			X						
Wilburn			X						
Quinn (Tie)									

ADOPTION Roll Call Vote									
Council Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent			
Harris			X						
Fullerton			X						
Lucas			X						
Rafter	X		X						
Reed		X	X						
Wilburn			X						
Quinn (Tie)									

CERTIFICATION

I, Kelly Andrews, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Riverton, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the forgoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance which was introduced by the Council of the Borough of Riverton at its meeting of March 18, 2025 with a second reading, public hearing, and final adoption held on May 20, 2025.

Kelly Andrews, Municipal Clerk