

## **Junk Motor Vehicles**

In March of 2008, the Ohio Legislature enacted Ohio Revised Code Section 505.871, which vest townships with the authority to remove “junk motor vehicles” from property located within the unincorporated territory of the townships. The statute sets forth a specific definition of “junk motor vehicle” as a vehicle which is (1) three model years old, or older, (2) apparently inoperable, and (3) extensively damage, including, but not limited to, missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission. If a vehicle meets these requirements, the Board of Trustees may pass a resolution declaring the vehicle a “junk vehicle” and directing its removal.

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt resolution 080801 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.871 implementing a general policy for removal from property in the unincorporated territory of Kingston Township of any vehicle that the Kingston Township Board of Trustees determines is a junk motor vehicle as defined by Ohio Revised Code 505.173.

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees agreed to wait until November 1, 2008 before enforcing the resolution to allow property owners who may be in violation time to make the necessary arrangements to come into compliancy.

The Ohio Revised Code can be view in it entirety at <http://codes.ohio.gov>