

Chapter 801 – Vehicle Sales

Section 801.1 – Intent

An ordinance intended to regulate the sale and storage of new and used vehicles on public and private property, except for areas that are licensed for that purpose or for the sale of a personal vehicle on the personal property of the owner; to prohibit the illegal mixture of land uses, such as advertising for sale and/or selling or storage of vehicles in parking lots approved for other uses; to eliminate hazards and nuisances related to the sale or storage of motor vehicles along public thoroughfares; so as to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lenox Township.

Section 801.2 – Definition

Vehicle – Any vehicle required to be licensed by this state or any other state for the purposes of operation upon either the public highways or the waterways of this state.

Section 801.3 – Regulations

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, display or offer for sale any vehicle on any property within Lenox Township which property is not owned by such person unless they are licensed pursuant to this Ordinance. Only one (1) “vehicle” shall be permitted for sale per parcel. The sale of “vehicles” on vacant parcels is prohibited.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to store any vehicle and/or trailer, including such things as boats and boat trailers, camper or recreational vehicles, motorhomes, and the like, unless such vehicle or trailer is owned by the resident of the property and licensed in accordance with State law. All such vehicles and/or trailers shall be parked or stored behind the residence and in no case closer to the front lot line than the minimum required front setback in the zoning district in question, whichever setback distance is greater.

Section 801.4 – Exceptions/Licensing

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to those properties for which a license has been issued by the state and for which a Special Land Use permit has been granted by the Township for operation or storage of a new or used vehicle sales establishment, nor shall it prohibit any person from displaying a “for sale” sign on a vehicle owned by such person and parked on the personal property of the owner.

Section 801.5 – Enforcement

The Lenox Township code enforcement officer or the Macomb County Sheriff's Department shall be the appropriate persons to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 801.6 – Penalties

Any person who is convicted of violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction and shall pay a fine of up to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, together with the costs of prosecution.