

Town of Washburn

Clark County Wisconsin

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Subject: **Unused Vehicles**

Vehicles are unavoidable: They cost us money to purchase, repair, and constantly fill them with gas. The average American will own 9.4 vehicles in their lifetime. That is a lot of vehicles when considering many people will own many more than the average in their lifetime.

When traveling through the Town of Washburn I ask myself: Why are there so many unused vehicles in the yard or on the owner's property? Why not sell the vehicle for scrap and use that money for something else? If the vehicle has some intrinsic value, then why not recover that value for other things? Is the vehicle leaking oil or other contaminants that could affect our water supply?

We have numerous vehicles in the Town that serve no purpose. Some have been in the grass/weeds for so long the interior has rotted away and the only thing that remains is the metal hull that is rusted to a level that it cannot be repaired.

The Town Board has discussed this issue many times over the past 20 years. Should the Town begin fining the vehicle owner an amount that encourages the vehicle owner to eliminate all unused vehicles that are not actively registered and licensed? Removing unused vehicles will maximize our resale values and help make our community look better to visitors and investors while also eliminating places where rodents can hide and reproduce.

I do hope you will join me in eliminating unused vehicles in the Town of Washburn!

Sincerely,

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