

Chapter 32

JUNK DEALERS*

* **Cross References:** Businesses, ch. 10; fee for junk dealers license, § 18-3; housing code requirements regarding junked or abandoned vehicles, § 26-381 et seq.

State Law References: Secondhand dealers, G.L. 1956, § 5-21-1 et seq.

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Sec. 32-1. License required.

No person shall engage in selling, purchasing, bartering, or dealing in junk, old metals, or any other secondhand articles, or establish, operate or maintain an automobile junkyard, in the city, without first obtaining a license for such purpose from the board of public safety.

(Code 1971, § 11-1)

Sec. 32-2. Notice to adjacent landowners and occupants of license application.

Before granting a license to keep a shop or storehouse for the reception of any junk, old metals, or other secondhand articles or to establish, operate, or maintain an automobile junkyard, in any location not lawfully occupied for such purpose at the time of the application for such license, the board of public safety shall hold a public hearing, notice of which shall be posted at least seven days but not more than 14 days prior to said hearing in not less than two public places in the city and in a newspaper of general circulation in the city; provided, however, that, before said board shall post or publish said notice of hearing, it shall collect from the applicant a fee as provided in chapter 18, plus the cost of posting and publishing said notice.

(Code 1971, § 11-2)

Sec. 32-3. Objections to license from adjacent landowners and occupants.

No license required by this chapter shall be granted for any location not lawfully occupied for such purpose at the time of the application for the same, where the owners or occupants of the greater part of the land within 200 feet of such building or place shall file with the board of public safety their objection to the granting of such license; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any applicant who is the licensed keeper of such a shop, storehouse, or automobile junkyard, within the city, which is being acquired under eminent domain proceedings.

(Code 1971, § 11-3)

Sec. 32-4. License conditions; term; revocation.

Every license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to such conditions and restrictions and be for such term not exceeding one year as may be determined by the board of public safety and shall be revocable after a show cause public hearing.

(Code 1971, § 11-4)

Sec. 32-5. License fee.

The fees for licenses shall be determined and collected by the board of public safety. Such fees shall not exceed the limits set out in chapter 18.

(Code 1971, § 11-5)

Sec. 32-6. "Automobile junkyard" defined.

As used in this chapter, the term "automobile junkyard" means a place where one or more unserviceable, discarded, wornout or junked automobiles, or bodies, engines, tires, parts or accessories thereof, are gathered together.

(Code 1971, § 11-6)

State Law References: Automobile junkyards, G.L. 1956, § 5-21-1 et seq.

Sec. 32-7. Conditions for granting of license.

Conditions for granting of an automobile junkyard license shall be as provided in G.L. 1956, § 5-21-4; provided, however, that, without limitation on the authority conferred upon the board of public safety by section 32-4, the mandatory conditions contained in G.L. 1956, § 5-21-4 shall not apply to any automobile junkyard in existence and having a valid license issued pursuant to chapter 12 of the Compiled Ordinances of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island, 1959, on May 19, 1965.

(Code 1971, § 11-7)

Sec. 32-8. Penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or the regulations made as herein authorized shall be punishable as provided in section 1-4.

(Code 1971, § 11-8)