

ORDINANCE NO. 89-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 “NUISANCE ABATMENT PROCEDURE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend certain provisions of Chapter 50 regarding the junk vehicles to permit older vehicles being used for display purposes so long as certain conditions are met.

SECTION II. SECTION AMENDED. The following section is amended with underlined text indicating new language and struck through text indicating deleted language.

CHAPTER 50

50.02. NUISANCES ENUMERATED.

19. Junk or Abandoned Vehicles. The keeping or storing of a junk vehicle or salvage vehicle on public property or private property not in an enclosed area. A junk or salvage vehicle is defined as having one or more of the following characteristics:

- A. Unlicensed. Any vehicle not licensed for the current year as provided by law.
- B. Broken glass. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle with a broken windshield or any other broken glass.
- C. Broken or loose parts. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle with a broken or loose fender, door, bumper, hood, wheel, steering wheel, trunk top, or tailpipe.
- D. Missing engine or wheels. Any vehicle which is lacking an engine or one or more wheels or other structural parts which renders such vehicle totally inoperable.
- E. Habitat for animals or insects. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle which has become a habitat for rats, mice, or snakes or any other vermin or insects.
- F. Defective or obsolete condition. Any vehicle or part of a vehicle which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.
- G. Inoperable condition. Any vehicle that is not capable of moving in both forward and reverse gears.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 50.02(19), a vehicle that is 50 years old or older, calculated from the current calendar year, shall not be considered a junk or salvage vehicle if all of the following conditions are met:

- A. Lawful Parking Surface: The vehicle is parked on a gravel or concrete surface in compliance with applicable zoning and property regulations.
- B. Display Purpose: The vehicle is maintained solely for display purposes and is not intended for operation on public streets.

C. Inoperable and Safe: The vehicle is completely inoperable, with the engine and all fluids removed, and does not pose a threat to public health or safety.

D. No Nuisance: The vehicle does not otherwise constitute a nuisance under any other provision of this Code, including but not limited to harboring vermin, creating hazards, or obstructing public ways.

SECTION III. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

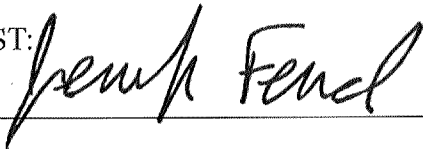
SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of April 2026.



Bryan Busch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk


First Reading: 2/17/2026

Second Reading: 3/16/2026

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Final Approval Given: 4/6/2026

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 89-2026 on April 7, 2026



Jennifer Fencl, City Clerk