

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 623*

Short Title: Rocky Mount Abandoned Vehicles.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Ezzell and Martin of Pitt.

Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs.

March 23, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT
CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED MOTOR
VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Rocky Mount, Chapter 938 of the
Session Laws of 1963, as amended, is further amended to add a new section to read:

"Section 465. The provisions of G.S. 160A-303 notwithstanding, the City Council
may, by ordinance, regulate, restrain, or prohibit the keeping on private property of any
motor vehicle that does not display a current license plate and that:

- (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
- (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was
originally intended to be moved; or;
- (3) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than one
hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Such ordinance may provide for the removal of any such vehicle from private
property consistent with G.S. 160A-303 except that the provisions of G.S. 160A-303(c)

which require the written request of the owner, lessee, or occupant of the
premises shall not apply and such vehicle need not be an abandoned or junked vehicle,
as that term is defined in G.S. 160A-303, so long as such vehicle meets the requirements
of this Section 465. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to authorize the
removal or disposal of a motor vehicle which is kept or stored, (i) at a bona fide
'automobile graveyard' as defined in G.S. 136-143, or (ii) at a bona fide automobile

- 1 repair shop for a period of time not to exceed the time specified in such ordinance,
- 2 which period of time shall not be less than 15 days."
- 3 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.