

BILL NO. 25-074

ORDINANCE NO. 5011

FIRST READING 11.04.2025

SECOND READING 11.18.2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 – NUISANCES, ARTICLE V. – PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SECTION 19-121 – PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES RESTRICTED

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Hannibal:

WHEREAS, Section 19-32 of the Ordinances of the City of Hannibal provides that no damaged, disabled or unlicensed vehicles, or parts thereof, shall be allowed on any property;

AND WHEREAS, Section 19-121, restricts the parking or storing of vehicles on any unimproved surface on residential property, unless properly screened from view from the public right of way (See section 19-121(a)(2));

AND WHEREAS, while section 19-121 does not grant a waiver to the requirements of section 19-32, that the language contained therein may be unclear and Citizens have been confused into believing that they could park damaged, disabled or unlicensed vehicles, or parts thereof on residential property if they complied with the provisions of Section 19-121(a)(2);

AND WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the matter and has determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Citizens of Hannibal to clarify the language in Section 19-121, in order that all Citizens understand that Ordinance 19-121 does not grant a waiver to Ordinance 19-32.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council hereby revokes, CHAPTER 19 – NUISANCES, ARTICLE V. – PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SECTION 19-121 – PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES RESTRICTED, and enacts a new Section 19-121 as follows:

Section 1 That Section 19-121 is revoked and a new section 19-121 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 19-121. - Parking on unimproved surfaces restricted.

(a) A person commits an offense if, upon a residential property:

(1) The person causes, permits or allows the parking or storage of any vehicle in the front yard upon any surface other than an improved parking surface. The person causes, permits or allows the parking or storage of any vehicle upon the side yard or rear yard of a corner lot upon any surface other than an improved parking surface, or upon a vacant lot, unless otherwise concealed from view from all public street rights-of-way by:

- i. A solid, opaque, screening fence or wall at least six feet in height;
- ii. Vegetation consisting of a solid hedgerow of evergreen shrubs, or trees and shrubs, providing full screening from the ground to a minimum height of six feet;
- iii. Any combination of the above that effectively conceals the vehicle from view and accomplishes the required screening height; or
- iv. Any other form of compatible and appropriate screening approved by the building official.

(2) The provisions of subsection (a)(1) herein shall not be construed to allow the parking of a damaged, disabled or unlicensed vehicle on residential property because it is screened from view of the public right of way.

(b) No driveway or improved parking surface shall cover more than 67 percent of a residential front yard. Any such improvements shall be in conformance with city driveway standards.


(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for parking or storing vehicles on an unimproved driveway if an existing residence had no improved parking surface on January 4, 2011. However, at such time that such existing residence is completely rebuilt, or improvements to the same real property constitute 50 percent or more of the property's total assessed value, compliance with this section shall be required.

Section 2 All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, in so far as they conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 3 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Adopted on this 18th day of November 2025.

Approved on this 18th day of November 2025.



Darrell McCoy, Mayor

Attest:



Melissa Cogdal, City Clerk