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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to serve notice that the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has been made aware you may be in violation of the City of Lincoln's Junked Vehicle Ordinance. This is a zoning ordinance making it enforceable within the three mile zoning jurisdiction of the City of Lincoln.

Who should be concerned? You should be concerned if you have:

- an unregistered vehicle on your property. If you have owned or possessed a vehicle for over 30 days, you have to register it whether it is on your property or not, or
- a vehicle on your property for over 30 days that does not run. If it is wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled, it does not matter if it is registered or not.

Are there any exceptions? This ordinance does not apply if you have a vehicle:

- in a permanent, enclosed building that conforms to zoning requirements, or
- on the premises of a legally operating business and there is a clear relationship between that vehicle and the operation of the business, or
- on the premises of a farmstead when necessary for the operation of the farmstead (defined as at least 20 acres and producing a minimum of \$1000.00 of farm products a year) or
- in an appropriate, legal storage place, or
- on your property and you have obtained a hobbyist permit for that vehicle.

How can I get a hobbyist permit? A hobbyist permit is for the restoration or repair of up to 2 vehicles. The location of the vehicle must be the same as the applicant's residential address. These are the steps:

- Get an application from the City Clerk's Office in the County-City Building located at 555 S. 10th Street, Suite 103, or online.
- Fill out the application and file it with the City Clerk.
- Pay \$50.00 fee for each vehicle. Permits are good for 180 days.

What are the penalties? Any person violating any provisions of these regulations can be found guilty of a misdemeanor. If convicted, they can be fined up to \$500. Minimum fines are \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$300 for the third and any following offenses. Each day a violation continues to exist constitutes a separate offense.

Are there other ways to comply besides the hobbyist permit? If you do not intend to obtain a hobbyist permit, you can:

- Contact a salvage company and have your vehicle removed. (Some companies may accept the salvage rights as payment for the tow)
- If you are a renter and the vehicle is not yours, contact the property owner or manager and request that it be removed immediately.

For more information, call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 402 441-6500

- To report Junk Vehicles call 402 441-6000
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