

HB 671 -- Removal of Nuisance

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This bill makes property owners in the City of Hazelwood liable for the removal of derelict vehicles that are declared a public nuisance by the city's governing body. Before the governing body can declare derelict vehicles a public nuisance, the city must give the owner notice or hold a public hearing regarding the nuisance. The governing body may order the removal of the nuisance within five days. If the nuisance is not removed, the city may remove the nuisance, and the cost of removal may be billed on a special tax bill to be collected by the collector with other taxes assessed against the property.

The bill does not apply to derelict vehicles on agricultural property within the city, property containing any licensed vehicle service or repair facility, or vehicles inside a fully enclosed permanent structure designed and constructed for vehicle storage. The definition of "derelict vehicles" includes motor vehicles, trailers, or disassembled parts of vehicles that are in a scrapped or junked condition.