

RUMNEY RESIDENTS

Public Notice **Illegal Junk Yards**

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Rumney is issuing this notice to inform the public of the state law on junk yards and the Board's intention to enforce that law.

Under State law (RSA 236:91-:129), the use of any land or buildings for motor vehicle, machinery or scrap metal junk yards is prohibited unless a motor vehicle junk yard is licensed and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Under State law, an illegal junk yard is defined as any place used for storing and keeping, or storing and selling, or otherwise transferring, old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked motor vehicles or parts thereof, iron, steel, or other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material. The term junk yard includes, ***but is not limited to:***

(A) A machinery junk yard, which is any yard or field used as a place of storage in which there is displayed to the public view, junk machinery or scrap metal that occupies an area of 500 square feet.

(B) A motor vehicle junk yard, which means any place (other than a motor vehicle dealership registered with the DMV), where the following are stored or deposited in a quantity equal in bulk to 2 or more motor vehicles:

- Motor vehicles no longer intended or in condition for legal use according to their original purpose; **OR**
- Used parts of motor vehicles or old iron, metal, glass, paper, cordage, or other waste or discarded or secondhand material which has been a part, or intended to be a part, of any motor vehicle.

The Board of Selectmen intends to enforce the junk yard laws in Rumney. The Board is providing this preliminary public notice so that affected landowners may promptly bring their property into compliance with State law. Enforcement of this law is expected to begin no later than April 1, 2008. Before that date, landowners should either apply for a license and approval of a junk yard with the Selectmen (under RSA 236:115-121) or clean up their property so an illegal junk yard no longer exists.

You are hereby notified that, once the Selectmen begin enforcement to remove illegal junk yards, landowners may be ordered to appear at either the district or superior court and may be subject to the issuance of orders to abate the nuisance, as well as the payment of fines, penalties and the Town's attorney's fees and costs.