

MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 24-027-O

BY COUNCILOR MAYOU AND COUNCILOR AWAL:

I move to amend Ordinance 24-027-O as follows:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Article I, Section 30-1 of Chapter 30 of the Duluth City Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 30-1. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, the following terms shall mean as follows:

(a) Abandoned property. ~~Tangible personal property wrecked or derelict property having no value other than nominal salvage value, if any, and which has been left unprotected from the elements.~~ Such property and shall also include wrecked, derelict, inoperative, or partially dismantled trailers, boats, machinery, refrigerators, washing machines, plumbing fixtures, furniture, and any other similar article which has no value other than nominal salvage value, if any, and which has been left unprotected from the elements. Abandoned property does not mean or include an abandoned motor vehicle or governmental records, including, those relating to real property, vital records, law enforcement, taxation, motor vehicles, driver's licenses, and Social Security;

(b) Public property. Lands and improvements owned by the United States government, the state of Minnesota, the county of St. Louis, or the city of Duluth, lying within said city, and includes buildings, grounds, parks, playgrounds, streets, sidewalks, parkways, rights-of-way and other similar property;

(c) Enforcement officer. The fire chief for the city of Duluth or designee, or member of their staff is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a new definition of abandoned property in line with Minnesota statutory definitions. Vital documents collected by city staff shall not be classified as abandoned property.