

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

CHAPTER 10

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-903 of the Code of Virginia, relating to screening of junkyards.

[H 1824]

Approved February 14, 2001

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.2-903 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.2-903. Ordinances taxing and regulating "automobile graveyards" and "junkyards."

A. Any locality may adopt ordinances imposing license taxes upon and otherwise regulating the maintenance and operation of places commonly known as automobile graveyards and junkyards and may prescribe fines and other punishment for violations of such ordinances.

No such ordinance shall be adopted until after notice of the proposed ordinance has been published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality. The ordinance need not be advertised in full, but may be advertised by reference. Every such advertisement shall contain a descriptive summary of the proposed ordinance and a reference to the place or places within the locality where copies of the proposed ordinance may be examined.

As used in this section the terms "automobile graveyard" and "junkyard" have the meanings ascribed to them in § 33.1-348.

B. Any county with a population between 31,500 and 31,700, any county with a population of at least 43,000 but less than 45,700, *any county with a population of at least 48,000 but less than 50,000 according to the 1990 United States Census* and any county with a population of at least 18,000 but less than ~~19,000~~ 20,000 *according to the 1990 United States Census* may adopt an ordinance imposing the screening of automobile graveyards and junkyards, *unless screening is impractical due to topography*, as set forth in § 33.1-348. Any such ordinance may apply to any automobile graveyard or junkyard within the boundaries of such county regardless of the date on which any such automobile graveyard or junkyard may have come into existence, notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.1-348.