

Rebuilder/Recyclers - Chapter 8 Changes Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why are these changes being proposed?

A. To mirror State law, clarify definitions, increase Automotive Board term, provide minimum vehicle storage standards and solid fencing requirements for all new storage lots.

Q. Who was involved in the development of the proposed changes?

A. The HPD Auto Dealers Detail, HPD and City Legal and industry stakeholders.

Q. Was the industry notified of the proposed changes?

A. Yes, approximately 1,800 notification letters were sent to industry stakeholders. The Auto Dealers Detail held seven meetings at locations throughout the City to present the changes.

Q. What has been the response from the industry?

A. There have been no negative responses or opposition regarding any of the proposed changes.

Q. What is the purpose of changing the definition of Recyclers and Rebuilders?

A. Currently, City Ordinance lists these two businesses as one definition. The proposed changes will create separate definitions and will mirror State law.

Q. Why change “Automotive storage lot operator” to “Consent Storage Lot Operator”?

A. The name change is being requested to clarify the license type for applicants.

Q. Why are rebuilders being excluded from the Dealer in Motor Vehicle definition?

A. The language contained in the dealer definition was included in the rebuilder definition. Rebuilders do not require a Dealer in Motor Vehicle license.

Q. Why is the Salvage titled motor vehicle definition being proposed?

A. It currently does not exist in City Ordinance and will mirror State law.

Q. Why should the term of the automotive board members be increased from one-year to two-years?

A. A two-year term will allow for appointed members to serve on the board an adequate amount of time, and is a customary term for city boards; changing to two years will reduce administrative time expended in appointing members every year.

Q. Why is there a need to add language to specify that Chapter 8 applies regardless if the person holds a valid license (Chapter 8 license)?

A. This is a clean-up issue related to Municipal Courts and will enable the Police Department to address unlicensed businesses more effectively.

Q. Why move the appeal process from City Council to District Court?

A. District Court is the more appropriate place for appeals. This proposed change coincides with similar changes being made in other City Ordinance chapters.

Q. Why are there increased standards for new private storage lots?

A. The minimum vehicle storage standard will ensure an adequate space to store vehicles. The solid fencing requirement is similar to an existing City Ordinance (8-30) related to automotive repair facilities and the storage of vehicles over 30 days.