

ORDINANCE NO. 543

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 50 AND 51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF ACKLEY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is necessary to amend Chapters 50 (Nuisance Abatement Procedure) and 51 (Junk and Junk Vehicles) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ackley, Iowa (“City Code”), to expand upon the City’s enumeration of declared nuisances and definition of “junk,” respectively.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ACKLEY, IOWA, that Chapters 50 and 51 of the City Code shall be amended, as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Chapter 50 of the City Code shall be amended to include Section 50.02(14), as follows:

14. Inadequate Maintenance. Any building or portion thereof exhibiting any of the following listed conditions, existing either individually or in combination:
 - A. Infestation of insects, vermin, or rodents.
 - B. General dilapidation or improper maintenance of principal and accessory buildings or structures.
 - C. Accumulation of garbage, offal, filth, stagnant water, combustible materials, or any similar materials constituting fire, health, or safety hazards.
 - D. Lack of adequate light, air, heating, or sanitary facilities (including but not limited to running water and operable plumbing).
 - E. Deteriorated or ineffective waterproofing of exterior walls, roof, foundations, floors, windows, or doors.
 - F. Unsound and defective roofs and flashing with defects likely to admit rain or moisture.
 - H. Roof drains, gutters, or down spouts in poor repair, with obstructions, or with inadequate anchorage.
 - I. Defective or lacking weather protection of exterior surfaces, including but not limited to siding, stucco, brick, doors, windows, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, fascia, and soffits, including peeling, flaking, or chipping paint or lack of paint or other approved protective covering.
 - J. Siding, masonry, roofing, and other joints between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors, and skylights not maintained weather resistant and watertight.
 - K. Broken, rotten, split, missing, or buckled exterior wall coverings or roof coverings.

- L. Broken or open windows or doors.
- M. Foundation walls and other masonry building components which are out of plumb, or exhibit cracks, voids, breaks, holes, deteriorated mortar joints, or missing or compromised components.
- N. Chimneys, cooling towers, smokestacks, and similar appurtenances not maintained in structurally sound condition and in good repair.
- O. Handrails or guardrail not firmly fastened, affixed, or capable of supporting normally imposed loads.
- P. Inoccupancy for a period in excess of six months.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Chapter 51 of the City Code shall be amended by replacing and superseding the definition of “junk” at Section 51.01(1), as follows:

1. “Junk” means all old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste or used lumber, or salvaged wood; dismantled vehicles, machinery and appliances or parts of such vehicles, machinery or appliances; iron, steel or other old or scrap ferrous materials; old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware; and any personal property not designed or intended for exterior use stored outside of an enclosed structure. Neatly stacked firewood located on a side yard or a rear yard is not considered junk.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Ackley, Iowa on this 11th day of March, 2026.

Michael Nuss, Mayor of City of Ackley

ATTEST:

Malena Dennis, City Clerk of City of Ackley

I certify that the foregoing will be published as Ordinance No. 543 on the 18th day of March, 2026.

Malena Dennis, City Clerk

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