

## **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.