

Town of Stratford

Application for Junkyard, Machinery/Equipment Yard, and Salvage Yard License

Pursuant to RSA 236:121, junkyard licenses are required and they expire on March 31st of each year. Junkyard licenses may be renewed upon payment of an annual license fee to the Town of Stratford in the amount of \$50.

It is the intent of the Town of Stratford to encourage recycling. To do so, the Town wishes to assist applicants to establish legitimate and conscientiously run storage areas and businesses with a view toward recovering materials that would otherwise be lost to further use. In order to accomplish this, the Town has established a licensing process that will help assure compliance with all local, State, and Federal regulations, and will result in storage areas of which you and the Town can be proud.

Whether you are applying for a junkyard license for the first time, have had an unlicensed junkyard or salvage area or equipment or machinery area for many years, or are applying for a renewal of an existing license, the Town can help answer questions you may have about the requirements described in the RSAs.

Why is the town trying to license my parts pile, junk, or unregistered vehicles?

Stratford, in accordance with existing state law, is required to enforce standards for junkyard operation and administer junkyard licensing.

All properties with accumulations of parts, machinery, or equipment, as well as any variety of junk or end-of-life vehicles are required by State law to be licensed. The licensing process will also help you achieve an area that satisfies you as well as your friends, neighbors, and the whole community.

Why is it necessary to do this?

By State law, this license is required for any accumulation of junk materials that exceeds the bulk of two vehicles. But it is also necessary to help protect both you and your friends and neighbors against threats to health and safety as well as to preserve the high water-quality standard, the rich and beautiful natural setting, and the property values that make Stratford a great place to live.

How do you get a license?

You must fill out the Junkyard License Application Form and submit it to the Select Board along with a refundable \$250 license fee. All required documents, as follows, must be submitted with the application:

A list of all abutters and holders of easements on your and the abutters' properties;

And a location certificate from the Zoning Board of Adjustment; a description of the land to be included within the junk yard by reference to permanent boundary markers, and, for applications to establish automotive recycling yards and motor vehicle junk yards, certification of compliance with best management practices established by the DES (RSA 236:115).

Applications will be reviewed by the Select Board. If the application is found to be incomplete, the Board will explain its reasons for its finding.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact the town office at 922-5533.

Can I give or sell my license to someone else?

All licenses are nontransferable. They apply to the applicant only and cannot be re-assigned to someone else or some other entity.

What does it cost?

The application fee for a license is \$250 and renewals will be \$50. You will also be responsible for all testing of soil for contaminants if demanded.

How do I renew the license I already have?

Junkyard licenses will be renewed without a hearing if all provisions of the Town's land use ordinance, the license checklist, and RSA 236:111, et seq. have been complied with during the license period.

What if my yard has oil spills or other problems?

At the discretion of the Select Board, appropriate investigations at the property owner's expense may be conducted prior to the issuance of a new or renewed junkyard license including, but not limited to, testing of surface and subsurface water for contamination by hazardous or toxic substances.

The Town may enter the junkyard site with proper notification for the purpose of obtaining surface and subsurface groundwater samples and inspecting the premises for compliance with the RSAs and best management practices.

If you are not in compliance, the Select Board will refer you to the RSAs and offer suggestions for best management practices as well as materials provided to the Town by the State. This will provide you with information and guidance on how to bring your site into compliance.

Our purpose is to maintain and improve the clean, wholesome, attractive environment that is so important to the health and safety of the inhabitants of Stratford and to safeguard their rights against unwarrantable invasion. We will work with those who voluntarily come forward to apply for a license and during the first year or so, as long as you work with the Town to address problems identified, the Town will work with you.

How do I know if I can get a license?

Anyone who does not have a criminal record of larceny is eligible to be granted a license so long as they have a suitable location and demonstrate a willingness to comply with the RSAs and best management practices. Notice of Approval will be granted when you receive a copy of the approved application form signed by the Selectmen.

What should I be checking for or thinking about?

Refer to the checklist on the following page. If you have questions, please meet with the Select Board.

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Checklist for Junkyard, Machinery/Equipment Yard, and Salvage Yard License

What to Check For:	YES	NO
Is a plot plan of the property attached, drawn to scale with the location of the junkyard area and other structures accurately shown?		
Are the bounds of the junkyard area marked by reference to permanent boundary markers?		
Is the junkyard area more than 660 feet from the right-of-way lines of Class I, II, or III roads?		
Is the junkyard area more than 300 feet from the right-of-way lines of Class IV, V, or VI roads?		
Is the junk material substantially screened from any road and from abutting premises, can it be reasonably prevented from having an unfavorable effect on tourism or the general welfare of the Town's citizens, and can it be reasonably secured from unauthorized entry?		
Are any churches, schools, hospitals, public buildings and/or public gathering areas, recreational areas, or other such areas of community use in close proximity?		
Will you erect a surrounding and solidly constructed fence at least 6 feet in height which substantially screens the area and with a suitable gate which shall be closed and locked except during the working hours of the junk yard? (RSA 236:123).		
Does the junk material exceed 10 feet in height?		
Are all junk materials and all junkyard activities always within the designated junkyard area?		
Is the junk material stored in a way that prevents any of it from being transferred off the junkyard area at any time by wind, water, or other natural causes?		
Is the junkyard maintained to prevent any menace to public health and safety, including the breeding, harboring, or proliferation of rodents, vermin insects, or any other pest, or the accumulation of stagnant water?		
Is the junkyard in compliance with all health and sanitary laws, ordinances and regulations of the State of New Hampshire?		
Does the junkyard produce offensive or obnoxious sounds or odor or could it be construed in any way to be a public or private nuisance (RSA 236:119 & Town Land Use Ordinance Art. VI)?		
Are oil, grease, gasoline, tires or similar materials burned at any time? Is all other burning of any materials done in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations, and attended and controlled at all times?		
Have provisions been made for monitoring wells of surface or subsurface groundwater for the purpose of testing for contamination by hazardous and toxic substances, and is testing conducted regularly at the expense of the owner with the results provided to the Town?		
Is proof of ownership or the right to use the property by the applicant for the license period attached?		
Is the junkyard property currently in land use?		
Is the junkyard property located within the floodplain?		
Is the junkyard property located away from the aquifer?		

Permit #	
Permit period	
New \$250.00	Renewal \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____	

**Junkyard License Application
Town of Stratford**

1956 US Rt. 3, PO Box 366 N. Stratford, NH 03590

Name of landowner _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Address _____

_____ State Zip

Name of applicant _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Address _____

_____ State Zip

Street Location	Tax map #	Lot number #
The undersigned hereby agrees that this licensure will be held in accordance with the foregoing statement and with the plans and specifications submitted; and that the license will conform to the laws of the State of New Hampshire. This license to be subject to inspection as required by the Designated Agent of the Board of Selectmen.		
Owner's/Applicant's signature		Date

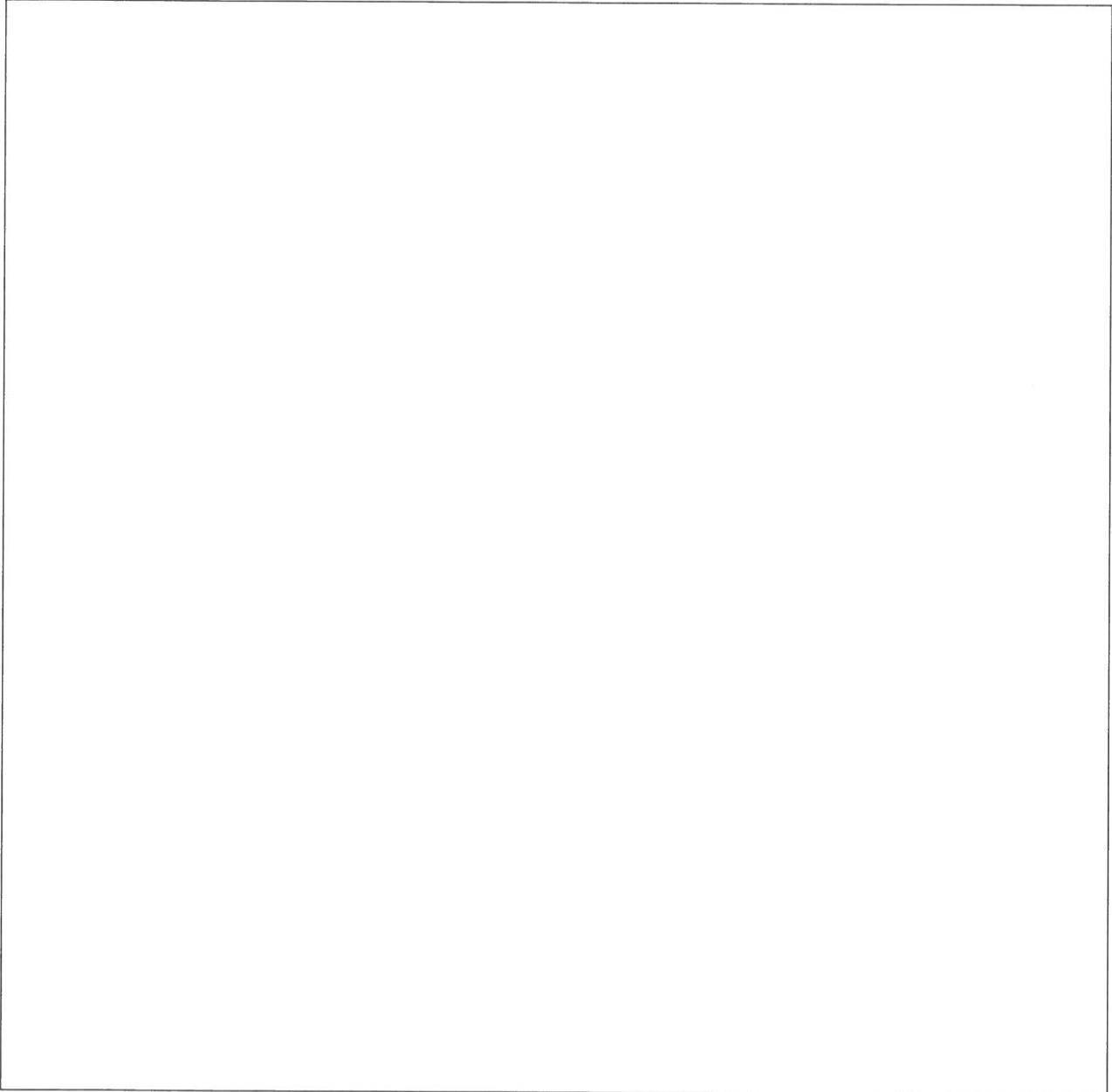
FOR TOWN USE ONLY

Application received (date)	By	Application accepted (date)	By
Junkyard License granted		Junkyard License denied	
For reasons/conditions:			
Junkyard License issued (date)	Junkyard License #	Junkyard License fee	
Approved by Board of Selectmen (two signatures required)			Approval date

PLOT PLAN

Show location of junkyard, roads and all buildings on lot with setback measurements from lot lines and right of way access. Denote well or water supply locations.

SCALE: $\frac{1}{4}$ inch = _____ feet



I certify that these plans and specifications comply with state and/or local ordinances and will be followed during the year for which the license is granted.

Owner's / Applicant's signature: _____