

ORDINANCE NO. 705

An Ordinance defining service stations and the abandonment thereof and providing for the removal of same.

The People of the City of Prineville ordain as follows:

(1) That as used in this ordinance, "service station" shall be defined as that part of any lot used in the normal course of business for the retail sale of motor vehicle fuel and lubricants for delivery into the consuming vehicle on the premises.

(2) Abandoned service station premises shall be maintained in a safe and businesslike manner and shall not be allowed to deteriorate and become a nuisance or safety hazard. After the effective date of this ordinance, whenever a service station ceases operation as such for a continuous period of more than twelve (12) months, the building shall be removed by the owner or other person in control of the property; provided, that for the purposes hereof the occupancy of premises for less than thirty (30) days shall not be deemed to interrupt the one-year vacancy unless such occupancy is accompanied by actual operation of a service station with normal and adequate inventories of gasoline and oil. The nature of a service station structure is such that, with long continued vacancy and the accompanying deterioration and obsolescence, the building serves no useful economic or social purpose and injures the value and impairs the development of adjacent properties, all to the public detriment.

(3) In the event an abandoned service station as herein defined shall not be removed by the owner or person in control thereof upon due notice by the City of Prineville at the expiration of one (1) year from the date of the vacancy thereof, then the same may be removed and abated as any other nuisance in accordance with existing ordinances of the City of Prineville.

(4) Upon the removal of any service station or before it is converted to any other use, all underground tanks on the premises shall either be removed or filled with sand or other suitable material and all gasoline pumps shall be removed from the premises.

1973. Passed by the City Council this 28 day of Aug,

1973. Approved by the Mayor this 29 day of Aug,

Walter Hollister  
MAYOR, City of Prineville

ATTEST:

Jim Watson  
Recorder