

Chapter 71 - Auto Wash - Motor Vehicle Laundry

7.301. Definition.

An AUTO WASH or MOTOR VEHICLE LAUNDRY is hereby defined as to be a business establishment in which the principal operation of such business is the cleaning and washing of motor vehicles of any type or description, including, but not limited to, such business where the facilities are provided for coin-operated or self-service washing or cleaning of motor vehicles.

7.302. Application for Building Permit.

No building permit shall be issued, nor shall any existing building be used or be permitted to be used for the purpose of operating an auto wash until application for a permit shall first be made to the Building Inspector. At the time of making application, there shall be submitted to the Building Inspector, plans, specifications and plot plan which shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) All buildings to be used in connection with the auto wash shall be located at least forty (40) feet away from any right-of-way line.
- (b) Buildings must be constructed so as to be enclosed on two (2) sides and have doors on the front and rear of each stall, capable of being locked.
- (c) All land used for service drives and parking areas in connection with auto washes is to be paved and have adequate drainage provided and be approved by the City Engineer.
- (d) Construction of auto wash buildings shall not be permitted if said construction shall require standing or parking on public right-of-ways in connection with the operation of the auto wash.
- (e) All lighting used in connection with auto washes shall be shaded so as not to project upon or become a nuisance to adjacent properties.

7.303. Licenses Required and Procedure for Obtaining License.

No person shall operate, maintain or engage in the auto wash or motor vehicle laundry business without first obtaining a license therefore as herein provided. Licenses shall be issued in accordance with Chapters 59 and 60 of this Code and upon compliance by the applicant with the following requirements:

- (1) Applications shall be accompanied by a brief written statement of the method of operation of such business.
- (2) Applications shall be submitted by the City Clerk to the Building Inspector for certification that the proposed use is not prohibited by Title V of this Code, or any other regulations of the City.
- (3) Payment of an annual license fee shall be in accordance with Chapter 60, Fees and Bonds of the City of Troy Code of Ordinances.

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7.304. Duties of Owner or Licensee.

It shall be the duty of the owner, operator or licensee of any auto wash or motor laundry to:

- (1) Keep the premises of such business in a neat and clean condition free of debris and litter of all types and kinds.
- (2) Prevent excessive noise, rowdiness or loitering and to maintain peace, order and safety on the premises.
- (3) Provide an attendant to be on duty and on the premises at all times that such auto wash is in operation. At all other times, the building or buildings must be locked and safely secured.
- (4) Operate any auto wash only within the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

7.305. Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector and his representatives to enforce the provisions of this Chapter, and it shall likewise be the duty of all police officers of the City to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter.