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## **CITY PLANS WEEK-LONG TOWING OF JUNK VEHICLES**

Michigan City, IN -- Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced the latest effort to clean-up the City's garbage by enlisting the community's help. The clean-up effort will be conducted with the help of the Michigan City Police Department, Fire Department, Planning and Inspection, Refuse Department and through the efforts of the city's citizens. To improve services Mayor Oberlie developed "AIM HIGH" committees comprised of city department heads. The Public Safety Aim High committee was charged with the task of improving the city's code enforcement efforts. Mayor Oberlie said, "The city has made great strides in this effort when we cleaned up some of the car lots and dumps on the east and west sides of the city earlier this year."

"Our focus is code compliance rather than code violations," said Mayor Oberlie. The fall code compliance initiative will begin the first of many such efforts to improve the city's appearance. The city sweeps will announce in advance which code violations will be targeted in hopes that the citizens will voluntarily comply before the city has to intervene.

The fall code compliance initiative for the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> will focus on the following common code violations in a sweep of the city that officials hope will start with calls from the city's citizenry:

- City ordinance# 1986: 46.122, 46.123, 46.126 -- Junk and abandoned vehicles.
- City ordinance# I.C. 9-21-16-5. 5 -- Stopping or parking in fire lanes.

During the week of November 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, citizens will be able to call the city to have junk cars removed from their property at no charge. The week long offer to tow the vehicles will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Citizens should call 874-3221 ext. 332 or 324 or 873-1418 to arrange to have vehicles picked up at no charge. "We believe that everybody will win with this program. The residents won't receive a code violation ticket for keeping a junk car on their property and will have their vehicle removed at no charge. Any citizen of the city will be able to call to have their vehicle towed by signing a state impound document as the property owner.

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