

**THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S POLICY
ON SCREENING FOR JUNKYARDS AS REQUIRED BY THE
JUNYARD AND SALVAGE CONTROL ACT – 10/1/2008**

The following represents the Kansas Department of Transportation's screening policy as required by the Junkyard and Salvage Control Act, K.S.A. 68-2202 *et seq.*, and specifically K.S.A. 68-2204, which states in pertinent part:

No person shall establish, operate, or maintain a junkyard, any portion of which is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of any street or highway on the interstate system or the primary system, or any portion of which is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of any other state, county, township highway, road, or city street, except the following:

- (a) Those which are screened by natural objects, plantings, fences, or other appropriate means so as not to be visible from the main traveled way of the street or highway, or otherwise removed from sight.
- (b) Those which are located within areas which are zoned for industrial use under authority of law.

SCOPE

All salvage yards/junkyards newly discovered and inventoried in the KDOT administrative system, must comply with this screening policy. Salvage yards/junkyards that are already in the KDOT system and are required to be screened but have not been screened prior to the effective date of this policy, must now comply with this screening policy.

If a location has been in existence before the effective date of this policy, and has had screening in place, however, such screening has been destroyed or effectively removed; such locations must comply with the new screening policy. For the purpose of this policy, destroyed or effectively removed means 80% of the previous screening must have been destroyed or removed.

SPECIFICATIONS

Screening shall be manmade, natural, or a combination thereof, and shall conceal the junkyard so as to not be visible from the main traveled way.

Manmade screening may be constructed from metal or wood and must be serviceable. Metal screening shall be straight, sturdy, and free of dents, bents, and dirt. Wood screening shall be straight, sturdy, and free of broken boards, and dirt. All manmade screening shall be erected on posts strong enough to support the screening and spaced no more than ten foot (10') apart. Any type of manmade screening must be uniform in height, color and material and of sufficient height to conceal all salvage. All manmade screening must be constructed so gaps are at a minimum and the salvage is not visible through the screening.

Chain link fence may be used provided that it includes interwoven slats, of uniform color, running in both directions.

Natural screening must consist of trees or shrubs, of sufficient height and thickness, to conceal the salvage from view at the time the location is approved, as well as, provide screening throughout the year.