

## CHAPTER 92. ABANDONED PROPERTY

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### § 92.01 MOTOR VEHICLES.

(A) *Impoundment and sale.* The city shall take into custody and impound any junked, abandoned or unauthorized motor vehicle as defined by M.S. § 168B.011, as it may be amended from time to time, and as regulated by Chapters 71 and 72 of this code. It shall give notice of the taking as provided by law and if the owner or any lienholder does not reclaim the vehicle within the period provided by law, it shall provide for the sale of the vehicle to the highest bidder at auction or sale following 2-weeks' published notice.

(B) *Disposition of proceeds.* The proceeds of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle shall be placed in the general fund of the city and treated as required by state law. If the former owner or entitled lienholder makes application and furnishes satisfactory proof of ownership or lien interest within 90 days of the sale, the former owner shall be paid the proceeds of the sale of the vehicle less the cost of towing, preserving and storing the vehicle and all administrative, notice and publication costs incurred in its handling.

(Prior Code, § 230.01)

### § 92.02 OTHER ABANDONED PROPERTY.

(A) *Procedure.* All other property lawfully coming into the possession of the city shall be disposed of as provided in this section.

(B) *Storage.* The department of the city acquiring possession of the property shall arrange for its storage. If city facilities for storage are unavailable or inadequate, the department may arrange for storage at privately owned facilities.

(C) *Claim by owner.* The owner may claim the property by exhibiting satisfactory proof of ownership and paying the city any storage or maintenance costs incurred by it. A receipt for the property shall be obtained upon release to the owner.

(D) *Sale*. If the property remains unclaimed in the possession of the city for 60 days, the property shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction conducted by the city after 2-weeks' published notice setting forth the time and place of the sale and the property to be sold.

(E) *Disposition of proceeds*. The proceeds of the sale shall be placed in the general fund of the city. If the former owner makes application and furnishes satisfactory proof of ownership within 6 months of the sale, the former owner shall be paid the proceeds of the sale of the property less the costs of storage and the proportionate part of the cost of published notice and other costs of the sale.

(Prior Code, § 230.02)