

707. Unclaimed Property

§707.010 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY; DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this chapter certain words and terms are defined as follows:

Subd. 1. Property. All items of tangible personal property including but not limited to perishable goods and foodstuffs and excluding "property" as defined by the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, Minnesota Statutes sections 345.31 to 345.60. (Ref. Ord. No. 442, 5/23/67)

§707.020 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY; RECEIPT, NOTICE. The City Manager shall make provisions for the receiving and safekeeping of property found and delivered to him in the course of municipal operations. A receipt shall be given to the person delivering such property to the City. The City Manager shall keep such property for a period of no less than sixty (60) days and may deliver it to the true owner upon satisfactory proof of ownership, after giving ten (10) days written notice by mail to any person who has asserted a claim of ownership as provided in this chapter. If the true owner does not claim such property during the sixty (60) day period, the City Manager may then deliver said property to the person who found and delivered it to the City if at the time of said delivery such person indicated in writing that he wished to assert a claim to such property as a finder. (Ref. Ord. No. 442, 5/23/67)

§707.030 UNCLAIMED PROPERTY; SALE, EXCEPTION. If such property is not delivered to the owner or finder after the sixty (60) day period has elapsed from the time such property was delivered to the City Manager, it may be sold by the City Manager to the highest bidder at a public auction. The City Manager shall give reasonable public notice of the auction in the official newspaper of the City. This notice shall describe the article to be sold and announce the date, time and place of the auction. After such auction, the City Manager shall deposit the proceeds in the general fund of the City and any property not sold and not suitable for appropriation by the City shall be deemed to be of no value and shall be disposed of by the City Manager in such manner as he directs. If any such property can be used by the City, it may be appropriated by any City department in need thereof upon approval of the City Council.

The true owner of any property sold at auction as hereinbefore provided, shall upon application to the City Manager within six (6) months after the date of said auction and upon satisfactory proof of ownership be paid the sale price upon approval of the City Council.

The City Manager may without notice and in such manner as he determines to be in the public interest, summarily dispose of any property coming into his possession which he determines to be dangerous or perishable. He shall make a record of the pertinent facts of the receipt and disposal of such property. (Ref. Ord. No. 442, 5/23/67)