

## CHAPTER 31

### ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

#### 31.01 Disposal of Abandoned Personal Property.

- (A) The County may dispose of any personal property, except vehicles (motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home), which has been abandoned or remained unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the taking of possession of the property. If known, the owner shall be sent written notice that the property can be reclaimed and if it is not reclaimed within 30 days it will be deemed abandoned and disposed of by the County. The County can dispose of the property by any means determined to be in the County's best interest, including donating the abandoned personal property to a nonprofit organization.
- (B) If the property is not disposed of in a sale open to the public, the County shall:
- (1) Maintain an inventory of such property.
  - (2) Maintain a record of the date and method of disposal, the consideration received for the property, if any, and the name and address of the person taking possession of the property.
  - (3) Keep this record as a public record for a period of 2 years from the date of disposal of the property.
- (C) If disposal is in the form of a sale, all receipts from the sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping the property and conducting the sale, shall be paid into the County treasury.
- (D) Disposal of abandoned personal property, except vehicles, includes retention of the property for County use. Records of such retention shall be maintained as required in subsec. 2, above.

#### 31.02 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

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