

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 24

An Ordinance relating to the disposition of unclaimed property in the possession of the Sheriff.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the Sheriff of Multnomah County has any property, including money, in his possession, the ownership of which is unknown, and which is unclaimed for thirty (30) days after the said property came into his possession, he shall report the fact to the Board of County Commissioners and request authority to dispose of it as provided in this ordinance.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners shall act upon the request of the Sheriff within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the request. If the request is to have the property disposed of by public sale and if the Board approves the request, the Director of the Department of Administrative Services shall post written or printed notice of sale in three (3) public places within the county at least ten (10) days before the sale. The notice shall describe the property, including money, and shall state the time and place of public sale at which the property may be purchased by the highest bidder. Until the date of the sale, the property, including money, may be claimed at the Sheriff's office. If ownership is proved, the Sheriff shall turn the property including money, over to the owner, and cancel the sale insofar as the claimed property is concerned.

Section 3. Members of the county government, including officials and employees, shall not be allowed to bid at the sale.

Section 4. The Director of the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct the sale and shall deposit the proceeds thereof, after deducting the cost of the sale, together with any other money included in the notice, in the county treasury to the credit of the County General Fund.

Section 5. In lieu of a sale of the property under the foregoing provisions of this act, the Sheriff, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, may transfer any portion of unclaimed property to the county for use by the county.

Section 6. If the property is sold as provided herein and if within six (6) months after the sale, the owner of the property, including money, files with the Board of County Commissioners a claim for the property, including money, and proves his right to the same, the Board shall direct that the money or the amount received for the property, less expenses of the sale, shall be paid to the owner from the county treasury. The Board shall not approve any claims filed more than six (6) months after the sale. If the property is transferred to the county in lieu of sale it may be claimed by the lawful owner thereof at any time within one (1) year from the transfer to the county. The Sheriff in disposing of property in the manner provided herein shall not be liable to the owner thereof.

Date of Passage: June 19, 1969.

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