

TOWNSHIP OF ORONOKO
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PROPERTY LEFT WITHIN THE CUSTODY OF OR UPON THE DOMAIN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORONOKO OR COMING TO THE POSSESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORONOKO; PROVIDING FOR RECOVERY OF SAID PROPERTY BY THE TRUE OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR THE STORAGE OF SAID PROPERTY AND FOR THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY IF CHARGES THEREON ARE *NOT* PAID.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ORONOKO ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 CUSTODY OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

The Village of Berrien Springs - Oronoko Township Police Department shall be charged with the custody of such unclaimed personal property as may come into its possession and shall dispose of such personal property except impounded motor vehicles as provided herein.

SECTION 2. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

All personal property unclaimed by the owner for a period of thirty (30) days or more, in possession of said Police Department may be sold at public sale upon five (5) days; written notice of the time and place of the sale which shall have included therein a description of the property to be sold, which notice shall be posted in at least three (3) places, one of which shall be at the Oronoko Township Hall; provided perishable produce may be sold within twelve (12) hours if unclaimed, and animals after forty-eight (48) hours, upon notice to the Township Clerk of the proposed sale and terms thereof. In the event the unclaimed property consists of currency which has been surrendered to the Police Department by the finder thereof, said currency shall be retained by the Police Department for a period of three (3) months, from and after the date the same has been deposited with the Police Department by the finder thereof. In the event that the amount deposited is twenty (20) dollars or less, and at the expiration of said three (3) month period, if said currency has not been claimed by the rightful owner thereof, the same shall be delivered and turned over to the finder, by the Police Chief of the Police Department. In the event the amount found and deposited with the Police Department shall exceed twenty (20) dollars, then the currency shall be retained by the Police Department for a period of six (6) months, and if not claimed by the rightful owner thereof: shall at the expiration of six (6) months, be turned over to the finder thereof: by the Police Department.

SECTION 3. RECORD OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The police Department shall keep a book permanently bound, in which shall be kept a list of all unclaimed personal property, the date taken into possession by the Police Department and the final disposition thereof: and if sold, the amount received shall be certified to by the Chief of Police of the Police Department.

SECTION 4. SALE

If any article is not claimed and reasonable charges for storage paid within the period allotted herein, the Chief of Police may proceed to sell the articles upon the same provisions as are applicable to notice and procedure for execution sales in the District Court for the County of Berrien. If no bids be received for the purchase of any property, it shall be conclusively presumed that said property is of no value and it shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of. The proceeds of said sale shall be applied as provided by law, the first of said proceeds shall be used to reimburse the Police Department for the expenses of said sale and charges for storage and other services rendered by the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township Police Department, the excess, if any, over such items, shall be paid to the owner or person entitled to possession, upon proof thereof: and in the absence of such proof: said excess shall be credited to the Berrien Springs Oronoko Township Police Department Fund.

(a) Each sale shall be under the direction of the Chief of Police of the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Police Department and the Oronoko Township Clerk shall act as clerk at such sale.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after adoption and publication.

DATED; JULY 10, 1973

ROBERT G. FEATHER, SUPERVISOR

ROBERT GILL, CLERK

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance was duly published in The Journal Era, a weekly newspaper published in the Village of Berrien Springs in the issue of said paper dated and published on the 18th day of July, 1973.

ROBERT GILL, CLERK

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