

ORDINANCE NO. 4135

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-1-16 (SALE OR USE OF PROPERTY NOT RETURNED), Article B (UNCLAIMED MONEY AND PROPERTY), Chapter 1 (POLICE PROTECTION), Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 4-1-16 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 4-1-16 Sale, donation or use of property not returned.

(a) All property received by the police department pursuant to section 4-1-11 of this code and (i) not returned to the rightful owner within the 60-day period prescribed in section 4-1-12 or, (ii) not returned, following that period, to a finder who has declared under section 4-1-11 that he or she wishes to assert a claim to the property, or (iii) disposed of in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, shall be disposed of by the chief of police, pursuant to the terms of an advertisement which, subsequent to the above-mentioned 60-day period, the chief shall cause to be inserted in a newspaper having general circulation in the city once a week for two successive weeks, which advertisement shall describe the property with reasonable certainty and shall state that, unless the property is claimed by the owner with satisfactory proof of ownership before a specified time and date, the property may, as the chief of police elects, be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder at a specified time and place, or be used by the police department in law enforcement operations or, if the property is a bicycle or moped, be donated to a charitable organization.

(b) Any bicycle or moped which has been in the possession of the police department and unclaimed for more than 60 days may, at the discretion of the chief, be disposed of by donation to a charitable organization. Prior to such donation and subsequent to the 60-day period required by this subsection, the chief shall cause an advertisement to be inserted once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the city. The advertisement shall describe the property with reasonable certainty and shall state that, unless the property is claimed by the owner, with satisfactory proof of ownership, before a specified time and date, the property may be donated to a charitable organization.

(c) Property advertised pursuant to subsection (a) but not claimed or bid on shall forthwith be reported to the city manager, who shall have the authority to use the property for the best interests of the city or order it destroyed.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY

Mayor

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