

MANITOWOC POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FOUND PROPERTY

MANITOWOC CITY ORDINANCE

3.72 Disposal of Abandoned or Unclaimed Property.

(1) (a) Abandoned or Unclaimed Property. Personal property in the custody of the City which has been abandoned or which remains unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the City has taken possession thereof, may be disposed of as provided in this section. Net receipts from sales under this section shall be paid into the City's general fund.

(b) Method of Disposal. The disposal of personal property under this ordinance may be a sale open to the public, a sale bid by contract subject to prior approval of the Public Property and Safety Committee, used in trade on other property to be acquired by the City, or retained for the City's own use.

(c) Records. If the property is not disposed of in a sale open to the public, the Chief of Police shall maintain an inventory of such property, 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. The inventory shall be kept as a public record for at least two years after the disposal of the property.

WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES

170.07 Lost chattels, notice. Except as provided in [ss. 170.105](#) and [170.12](#), if a person finds \$25 or more or any goods having a value of at least \$25 but less than \$100, and if the owner of the money or goods is unknown, the finder shall, within 5 days after finding the money or goods, give a written notice of the found money or goods to the law enforcement agency of the city, village or town in which the money or goods are found. That law enforcement agency shall post a notice of the found money or goods in 2 public places in the city, village or town.

170.08 Notice and appraisal. Except as provided in [ss. 170.105](#) and [170.12](#), the finder of lost goods having a value of \$100 or more shall give a written notice of the found goods to the law enforcement agency of the city, village or town in which the goods are found within 15 days after finding the goods and cause a class 2 notice under [ch. 985](#) of the found goods to be published in the county. If no person who is entitled to the goods appears to claim the goods, the finder shall, within 2 months after finding the goods and before using the goods to their injury, procure an appraisal of the goods by the law enforcement agency of the finder's city, village or town. The appraisal shall be certified by the head of the law enforcement agency and filed in the office of the law enforcement agency of the city, village or town.

170.10 Payment to town. If no owner of lost money or goods appears within 90 days after notice is given to the law enforcement agency of the city, village or town under [s. 170.07](#) or [170.08](#), the finder of the money or goods shall be the owner of the lost money or goods.