

Chapter 2.36

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY¹

Sections:

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(1) In the event that the property is claimed, the chief of police or their designee, shall deliver it to the rightful owner after being supplied with satisfactory proof of such ownership, provided, however, that the owner shall first pay to the town any reasonable storage costs incurred in holding the property;

(2) If such property has not been so claimed within six months from the date on which the police department took possession thereof, then the chief of police or their designee, may, at any time thereafter, cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.' Notice of the sale shall be given at least five days prior to the date fixed therefor, by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county;

(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such property, the use of which is prohibited by law, shall be destroyed by the chief of police or their designee. (Ord. 728 (part), 2025; Ord. 267 §4(part), 1967: prior code §4400).

¹ For statutory provisions authorizing a town to provide by ordinance for the sale, destruction, care, etc., of unclaimed property by the police department, see Civ. C.A. §2080.4.