

ORDINANCE NO. 2228

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MONIES IN THE POSSESSION OF THE KIRKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. Sale authorized. Whenever any personal property shall come into the possession of the police department of the City of Kirkland in connection with the official performance of their duties and said personal property shall remain unclaimed or not taken away for a period of six months from date of written notice to the owner thereof, if known, and in all other cases for a period of six months from the time said property came into possession of the police department of the City of Kirkland, unless said property has been held as evidence in any court, then, in that event, after six months from date when said case has been finally disposed of and said property released as evidence by order of the court, the City of Kirkland may at any time thereafter sell said personal property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in the manner hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Notice of sale. Before said personal property shall be sold, if the name and address of the owner thereof be known, at least ten days' notice of such sale shall be given him, either personally or by leaving a written notice at his residence or place of doing business with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident or employed therein; or if the name or residence of the owner be not known, a notice of such sale fixing the time and place thereof which shall be at a suitable place, which will be noted in the advertisement for sale, and containing a description of the property to be sold shall be published at least twice in the official newspaper of the City of Kirkland at least 20 days prior to the date fixed for said sale. The notice shall be signed by the Chief of Police. If the owner fails to reclaim said property prior to the time fixed for the sale in such notice, the Chief of Police shall conduct said sale and sell the property described in the notice at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, and upon payment of the amount of such bid shall deliver the said property to such bidder.

Section 3. Disposition of proceeds. The monies arising from sales under the provisions of this ordinance shall be first applied to the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale and then to the payment of lawful charges and expenses for the keep of said personal property and the balance, if any, shall be paid into the city current expense fund.

Section 4. Reimbursement to owner. If the owner of said personal property so sold, or his legal representative, shall, at any time within three years after such money shall have been deposited in said city current expense fund or with the director of administration and finance, ^{demands} or they shall be entitled to receive from said city current expense fund the amount so deposited therein with interest.

Section 5. Unclaimed money. When any money brought to the police department by the finder thereof shall remain unclaimed by the true owner for a period of not less than six months, such money (less any expenses incurred in the cost of holding same) may be returned to the finder, provided that the chief of police is satisfied that the finder did not obtain said money in the first instance by illegal means.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect five days from and after its passage by the council and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Kirkland City Council in regular meeting on the 16th day of July, 1973.

SIGNED in authentication thereof on the 16th day of July, 1973.

William C. Woods
Mayor

Attest:

T. J. Aderson
Director of Administration and Finance
(ex officio City Clerk)

Approved as to form:

Raymond
City Attorney

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