

Chapter 125

PROPERTY, ABANDONED

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Plover by Ord. No. 5-91 (§ 8.15 of the 1985 Code). Amendments where noted where applicable.]

§ 125-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

ABANDONED PROPERTY — Anything which is left on property belonging to the Village under such circumstances and for such a time that it appears that the owner does not have any plan to claim it. Abandoned motor vehicles shall be excluded from this definition and shall continue to be disposed of according to § 496-7 of this Code.

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§ 125-2. Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter do not apply to cash, to abandoned motor vehicles for which a separate procedure is established by § 496-7 of this Code, or to any deposit or trust fund placed in the custody of the Village or in any Village officer. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any property coming into the possession of the Police Department if the Police and Fire Commission, on the recommendation of the Police Chief, determines that it is in the Village's best interest to retain unclaimed property for safety service usage by the Police Department. Any property to be retained by the Village for safety usage shall be approved by the Village Board and shall be maintained in an appropriate inventory by the Police Department as set forth in § 125-3 below.

§ 125-3. Disposition.

Any abandoned property found in or on any street, alley, park or Village building, in or out of doors, shall be handled as provided in this section. The following procedure shall be followed:

- A. If the property is of no value, it shall be disposed of in the manner provided for disposal of trash and garbage.
- B. If the property appears to have value and the same remains unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the taking of the possession of the property, it shall be disposed of by any means to be determined in the best interest of the Village. If the property is not disposed of in a sale open to the public, the Village shall maintain an inventory of such property, including 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. Such inventory shall be kept as a public record for a period of not less than two years from the

disposal of the property. If the disposal is in the form of a sale, all receipts from the sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping the property and conducting the sale, shall be paid to the Village treasury.

- C. All firearms or ammunition, whether in the possession of the Police Department or otherwise, shall be disposed of according to the provisions of § 968.20, Wis. Stats.

§ 125-4. Violations and penalties.

The penalty for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a penalty as provided in § 1-4 of this Code. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation of this chapter occurs or continues.