

**ORDINANCE 3186**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 6 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS (OCCGF), PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Commission established Title 3, Chapter 6, of the OCCGF outlining provisions pertaining to the sale of unclaimed personal property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to provide a procedure for the disposal of unclaimed personal property held in Great Falls Police Department custody; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to establish said procedures consistent with currently enacted state law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:**

Section 1. The revisions of OCCGF Title 3, Chapter 6, are depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, with deleted language identified by ~~strikeout~~ and inserted language **bolded**; and

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after second reading and final adoption by the City Commission.

ACCEPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on first reading March 6, 2018.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana on second reading March 20, 2018.

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Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

(CITY SEAL)

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Sara R. Sexe, City Attorney

State of Montana    )  
County of Cascade  : ss  
City of Great Falls )

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do certify that I did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission, Ordinance 3186 on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board and the Great Falls City website.

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

Title 3 REVENUE AND FINANCE

**Chapter 6 SALE OF UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**Sections:**

3.06.010 City to sell.

3.06.020 Notice of sale.

**3.06.010 City to sell.**

- A. All unclaimed, non-evidentiary personal property of a value more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) in the possession of the Great Falls Police Department (GFPD) and unclaimed by the owner thereof for a period of at least ~~six (6)~~ three (3) months, may be sold by the City at public auction for cash to the highest bidder or disposed of in any appropriate manner not in conflict with any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.**
- B. The GFPD shall attempt to notify the legal owner of unclaimed property by publishing a list of unclaimed property in its custody the first week of January, April, July, and October of each calendar year on the Great Falls City website.**
- C. A properly documented finder of unclaimed property that has been held in GFPD custody may take lawful possession of the property, in a manner not in conflict with any federal, state, or local laws and regulations, if the property remains unclaimed for a period of at least three (3) months.**

(Ord. 3186, 2018; Ord. 2731, 1997; Ord. 2652 (part), 1993; Prior code §6-7-1).

**3.06.020 Notice of sale.**

- A. If the subject property is to be sold at public auction or disposed of in any appropriate manner not in conflict with any federal, state, or local laws and regulations, notice of the time and place of the sale public auction or disposal shall be published not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date of the sale public auction or disposal.**
- B. Notice pursuant to this section shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the incorporated City limits, on the Great Falls Civic Center posting board, and on the Great Falls City website.**

(Ord. 3186, 2018; Ord. 2652 (part), 1993; Prior code §6-7-2).