

ORDINANCE NO. 729

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TAKING UP AND
STORING OF ABANDONED AND STOLEN PERSONAL PROP-
ERTY AND THE SALE AND DISPOSITION OF THE PRO-
CEEDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE
37, SECTION 490 (1), CODE OF ALABAMA 1940 AS
AMENDED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All abandoned and stolen personal property found within the corporate limits of the City of Prichard or outside the corporate limits but within the police jurisdiction of the City of Prichard shall be taken up and stored by the City of Prichard, Alabama, and sold in the manner hereinafter provided. A permanent record giving the date of the taking of each piece of such property, the place where found and taken and a description of the property shall be kept by the Chief of Police of the City of Prichard. The property so taken shall be stored in a suitable place by the Chief of Police to protect it from deterioration, provided that if the property be perishable the same may be sold at once without notice by the Chief of Police, in which case the proceeds shall be held by the City of Prichard for a period of six months for the account of the owner and if not called for within that time shall be converted into the general fund of the City of Prichard, Alabama.

Section 2. At least every six months, the Chief of Police of the City of Prichard, Alabama, shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the property which shall have then been taken up and stored for a period of three months or more, the sales to be made after notice of the time and place thereof shall have first been given by publication of notice once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Prichard. The first publication or posting of notice, as the case may be, shall be at least twenty days before the sale. The owner of any of the property taken up and stored may redeem the same at any time prior to its sale by paying the reasonable expense of taking the property in charge, its maintenance and storage and a pro rata of the cost of publication. Each article shall be sold separately and a notation in the storage record book shall be made of the amount received for each article. The Chief of Police shall have the right to reject any and all bids if the amount bid be unreasonably low, and shall have the right to continue the sales from time to time if no bidders are present. After deducting and paying all expenses incurred in the taking up, storing, maintaining and selling of the property, the balance, if any, shall be paid into the general fund of the City of Prichard.

Adopted this 20 day of Nov., 1957.

APPROVED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk