

ORDINANCE NO. 1717

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE BUSINESS OF PAWNBROKERING IN THE CITY OF PRICHARD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who loans money on deposit or pledge of property or who deals in purchasing of personal property on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price is defined and declared to be a pawnbroker.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any pawnbroker to open his business before the hour of 7:00 A.M. or keep it open after the hour of 7:00 P.M., except on Saturdays and during the month of December, during which time the hour of 7:00 P.M. shall be extended to 9:00 P.M.

SECTION 3. Every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of pawnbrokering will keep a book in which shall be entered promptly at the time of purchase a brief description of the articles or property purchased, the date and hour of the purchase and a brief description of the person from whom the purchase is made, together with the name and address of such person and identification of such person such as a valid driver's license, credit card or other form of personal identification; such forms to be furnished and approved by the Chief of Police of the City of Prichard. Each entry of such transaction shall be serially numbered on the book at the time of making the entry. Such person, firm or corporation shall, on every day except Sunday, before the hour of 10:00 A.M., mail by U.S. Postal Service or deliver to the Chief of Police of the City of Prichard or his designated agent, upon a blank form provided by him, a legible transcript of the business done during the business day immediately preceding the filing of the transcript. The report on Monday of each week shall cover the transcript of the book covering Saturday's purchases.

SECTION 4. Every pawnbroker described in Section 1 shall promptly after the beginning of business, register with the Chief of Police, in a book kept for that purpose, his name, address and every place where he carries on business or stores property.

SECTION 5. The books and records kept by each pawnbroker shall be open for inspection by the Chief of Police or by any officer of the police department of the City at all times and the dealer and his agents and employees shall at all times, exhibit the book to such officers on request.

SECTION 6. Each pawnbroker shall attach to or place on each such article purchased a tag or other identifying mark or label numbered to correspond with the serial number of the book required by Section 2 to be kept; except, that where small articles are bought in bulk and are too numerous to conveniently tag or mark, in which case an identifying number shall be placed on the container or wrapper in which the articles are kept or placed.

SECTION 7. No property of the kind described in Section 1 shall be sold by the pawnbroker or his agents or employees until fifteen (15) days after the day when he reports the purchase to the Chief of Police, unless permission for such sale is obtained in writing from the Chief of Police after the filing of the report. No property of the kind described in Section 1 and which is bought or received under this ordinance shall be physically altered in any fashion or manner until the fifteen (15) day holding period described above has ended.

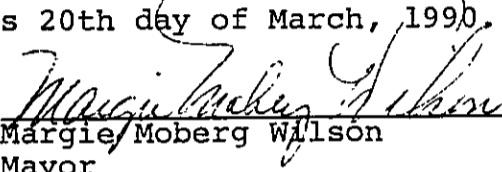
SECTION 8. The provisions of Section 1 through 7 shall relate to and be binding upon, every employee or agent of a dealer described in Section 1 and it shall be unlawful and an offense against the City for any such pawnbroker or his agents or employees to fail or refuse to carry out the provisions of such sections.

SECTION 9. Each person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (500.00) Dollars, and may in addition be sentenced to hard labor for the City of Prichard for a term not to exceed three months. Each day's Failure to report as required shall constitute a separate offense.

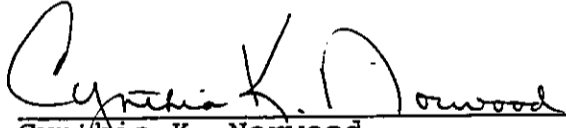
SECTION 10. Ordinance Number 458 is hereby repealed.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 1990.

Approved:


Margie Moberg Wilson
Mayor

Attested:


Cynthia K. Norwood
City Clerk