

1979 Assembly Bill 179

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**CHAPTER 222, Laws of 1979**

AN ACT to amend 66.28 of the statutes, relating to disposal of abandoned property by cities, villages and counties.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 66.28 of the statutes is amended to read:

**66.28 (title) Disposal of abandoned property.** Cities, villages and counties may, ~~at a public auction to be held once a year,~~ dispose of any personal property which has been abandoned, or remained unclaimed for a period of 30 days after the taking of possession of the same by the city, village or county officers. ~~All~~ by any means determined to be in the best interest of the city, village or county. If the property is not disposed of in a sale open to the public, every city, village and county shall maintain an inventory of such property; a record of the date and method of disposal, including 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 2 years from the date of disposal of the property. Any means of disposal other than public auction shall be specified by ordinance. If the disposal is in the form of a sale, all receipts from such sales sale, after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping such property and conducting such ~~auction~~ sale, shall be paid into the city, village or county treasury.

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