

CHAPTER 10
JUNK AND SECONDHAND DEALERS, PAWNBROKERS
AND LOAN BROKERS¹
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Sec. 10-1. Daily reports to chief of police required. Every junk dealer, secondhand dealer, pawnbroker, loan broker and every proprietor, keeper or owner of any office or other place of business where money is loaned on personal property for a compensation, conducting, maintaining or operating such business within the city, shall daily make out and deliver to the chief of police, every day before the hour of 12:00 Noon, on a blank form furnished by the chief of police for that purpose, a full, true and complete report of all the property and other valuable goods, wares or other things received on deposit or purchased during the preceding twenty-four consecutive hours, together with the time, meaning the hour of the day, when received or deposited in pawn or purchase, a description of the person by whom left in pledge or deposited or from whom purchased, and also the true name, as nearly as the same is known to the pawnbroker, junk dealer, secondhand dealer, loan broker or other such person, designated in this section, together with the number of persons, the number of operator's license issued by the department of motor vehicles of the state, whenever such persons have been issued such a license, and wherever possible, the motor vehicle license number of the car driven by such person. Such report shall be written in the English language in a clear and legible manner. (Ord. 350 N.S.)

Sec. 10-2. Blanks for reports to be provided by city. The chief of police, in conjunction with the purchasing agent of the city, shall cause such number of blanks to be printed as may be necessary for compliance with this chapter, and shall thereafter from time to time cause such additional blanks to be printed as may be required, which blank shall be so printed and subdivided that it shall have spaces for writing in the following matters:

Number of pawn ticket, amount loaned, amount purchased, description of articles, name and residence of person pledging or selling, description of person pledging or selling, showing true name, as nearly as known, age, sex, complexion, color of mustache or beard, or both, where both are worn, style of dress, height and visible marks or scars, number of operator's license, license number of car driven by person making deposit, sale or purchase, also the time when the article or articles were received. Such blank shall also bear a caption providing blank spaces, in which to fill in the date of the report, the name and place of business of the person making the same, and the hour of the day when made. (Ord. 350 N.S.)

1. For state law as to secondhand goods generally, see B. & P.C., § 21500 et seq. As to authority of city to require reporting of secondhand personal property, see B. & P.C., § 21625. As to licensing of pawnbrokers, see § 12-59 of this Code. As to licensing of secondhand dealers, see § 12-69.

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Sec. 10-3. Keeping of records by chief of police; reports to be kept confidential. The chief of police shall cause the blanks referred to in section 10-2, to be printed in books and shall furnish such books to any junk dealer upon the payment of the sum of two dollars for each book. Upon the receipt of such report from any of the persons from whom such reports are required, the chief of police shall file the same in his office and the same shall be open to inspection only to any peace officer and to the district attorney, deputy district attorney or investigator from the office of the district attorney, or upon order of a duly authorized court order made for that purpose. (Ord. 350 N.S.)

Sec. 10-4. Persons pledging, etc., articles to give correct name and address. Every junk dealer, secondhand dealer, pawnbroker, loan broker or proprietor, keeper or owner of any officer or other place of business where money is loaned on personal property for compensation, their agents and employees, shall cause the person by whom any property is left in pledge, stored, deposited or from whom purchased to sign his true name and give his correct address to the report provided in section 10-1.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sign a fictitious name or fictitious address in connection therewith. (Ord. 350 N.S.)

Sec. 10-5. Merchandise, etc., received to be kept for fifteen (thirty) days; exception.

All property and other valuable goods, wares or merchandise received on deposit or purchased shall be kept intact in its original state by every junk dealer, secondhand dealer, pawnbroker, loan broker and proprietor or owner of business where money is loaned on personal property for compensation, for a period of thirty calendar days from the day of such purchase, receipt or acquisition of the same, and shall be exhibited to the chief of police upon demand being made by the chief of police. Any junk dealer desiring to dispose of purchased junk, including scrap metals, in less than fifteen (thirty) days shall pay to the city clerk a special inspection fee of one hundred and fifty dollars, monthly in advance, for each yard location, upon the payment of which fee, the chief of police shall make an inspection within forty-eight hours of demand by such junk dealer. The chief of police may release any property covered by this section which he inspects, if after such inspection he is satisfied that such property is in lawful possession of the licensee. (Ord. 350 N.S.; 21636-Bus and Professions Code)