

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 5, FILE #080490**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**AMY E. HEFTER**

File Number 080490 is an ordinance relating to the control of obsolete material and unclaimed and abandoned goods.

**Background**

1. S. 310-29, Milwaukee code regulates control of unclaimed and abandoned goods and obsolete material. Over time revisions of this section have rendered the text confusing and unclear for the Department of Administration to administer.

**Discussion**

1. This ordinance repeals and recreates code provisions, s. 310-29, relating to the control of obsolete material and unclaimed and abandoned goods. These revisions streamline the Department of Administration process for control and disposition of obsolete material and unclaimed and abandoned goods and bring the ordinance into compliance with s. 66.0139 Wis. Stats., (disposal of abandoned property). In addition to the revisions, a provision is added to include property sold on the city's behalf by a third party auction, including an Internet auction.
2. This ordinance also amends s. 105-122-1-c, the Police Department's abandoned and unclaimed property provisions, to include references to the Department of Administration process for disposition of unclaimed and abandoned goods. The Police Department may also utilize an Internet auction service contracting with the Department of Administration to dispose of abandoned or unclaimed property.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. This ordinance has no fiscal impact.

cc: Sharon Robinson  
Rhonda Kelsey  
Deputy Insp. Mary Hoerig  
Thomas Miller  
Eric Pearson  
Marianne Walsh

Prepared by: Amy E. Hefter, X2290  
LRB-Research & Analysis Section  
September 10, 2008