

CHAPTER 9
PAWNBROKERS

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3-9-1: LICENSE REQUIRED; AGE RESTRICTIONS: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate the business of pawnbroker without having first obtained a license therefor. No pawnbroker's license shall be issued to any person who is not twenty one (21) years of age or over; and no pawnbroker shall employ a person of less than twenty one (21) years of age to assist him in his business. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-2: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE:

- A. **Information Required:** Application for pawnbroker's license shall be made to the zoning administrator and shall state the name thereon, the name of the applicant, the place of business, and the number of employees intended to be engaged.
- B. **Performance Guarantee:** Each application must be accompanied by a performance guarantee of a one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) cash deposit in the name of the city. If the licensee is found to violate any of the provisions of this title, the performance guarantee will be forfeited and the licensee will be required to repost a performance guarantee.
- C. **Investigation:** The county sheriff or any officer of the city so designated shall investigate each applicant for such license. No

license shall be issued to a person who has been convicted of any felony conviction. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-3: **FEE FOR LICENSE:** The annual fee for a pawnbroker's license shall be as set from time to time by resolution of the city council. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-4: **RECORDS MAINTAINED:** It shall be unlawful for any pawnbroker to fail to keep a book in which shall be clearly written in ink, in the English language, at the time of each loan or receipt of personal property, an accurate account and description of the goods, articles or things pawned or received, the amount of money loaned or advanced thereon, with the time, both day and hour, of pawning or receiving such goods, article or thing, and the name and residence of the person pawning or delivering the said goods, article or thing; and no entry made in said book shall be erased, obliterated or defaced and the said book, as well as every article or thing pawned, pledged or deposited, shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any peace officer. Pawnbrokers must also keep a record of written consent of the parent or guardian of any minor and the transactions completed with that minor. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-5: **REPORT TO COUNTY SHERIFF:**

- A. Weekly Record: It shall be unlawful for any pawnbroker to fail to make out and deliver to the county sheriff once a week a legible and accurate copy from the record required to be kept by section 3-9-4 of this chapter.
- B. Suspected Stolen Or Lost Property: It shall be the duty of every pawnbroker to report to the county sheriff any article pledged with him if he shall have reason to believe that the article was stolen or lost and found by the person attempting to pledge it in the case of a lost article. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-6: **RESTRICTIONS:**

- A. Minors: No pawnbroker shall accept any item for pawn from any person less than eighteen (18) years of age except with the written

consent of the parent or guardian of the minor of each particular transaction.

- B. Receipt From Intoxicated Persons: It shall be unlawful for any pawnbroker to receive any goods, articles or things in pawn or pledge from a person who is intoxicated.
- C. Illegal Weapons: No pawnbroker shall receive as a pledge or purchase any illegal weapon and no pawnbroker shall display in his window or shop any such weapon for sale.
- D. Time Limit For Receipt Of Goods: It shall be unlawful for any pawnbroker to receive any goods by way of a pawn or pledge before nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. or after nine o'clock (9:00) P.M. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

3-9-7: **LIABILITY OF PRINCIPAL:** The holder of a pawnbroker's license is liable for any and all acts of his employees and for any violation by them of any of the provisions of this title. (11-8-2001, eff. 11-8-2001)

