## ORDINANCE NO. 1711

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1118 OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 409 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY: AMENDING SECTIONS 40901, 40902, 40903, 40904 THEREOF AND ADDING ADDITIONAL SECTIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS does ordain:

SECTION ONE: That the City of Redlands Ordinance Code be amended by amending Article 409 "Unclaimed Property" to read as follows:

## ARTICLE 409 Unclaimed Property

40901. CUSTODIAN. The Chief of Police shall be the custodian of all property seized, recovered, found, stored, or otherwise coming into the custody of the Redlands Police Department as the result of the carrying out of official duties by police officers or employees of the police department and of found property which is given into the care and custody of the police department by citizens.

40902. RETURN TO LEGAL OWNER: EXCEPTIONS. The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall attempt to determine the lawful owner of all property coming into the custody of the Redlands Police Department and to return such property to such owner. Property which is evidence in a criminal trial shall be disposed of as the court directs. Property which is contraband, or the return of which is otherwise prohibited by statute, or the return of which may encumber the City of Redlands with civil liability by its return, shall be disposed of as directed or authorized by statute or ordinance.

40903. RETURN OF FOUND PROPERTY. Unless returned earlier to the legal owner thereof, unclaimed found property shall be held in custody no less than 180 days. Prior to the expiration of 210 days from the date found property was given into the custody of the police department, the finder may claim unclaimed property upon the showing of proof that the finder has complied with all requirements of statute in attempting to locate the legal owner thereof and in attempting to return same to such legal owner.

40904. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY. Unless otherwise herein directed, all property, remaining unclaimed and in the custody of the Redlands Police Department after the expiration of 210 days from the date such property came into the custody of the police department, shall be disposed of by public auction. Currency and coin, except mounted coin collections, shall be given into the custody of the Treasurer of the City of Redlands in exchange for a receipt therefore. Mounted coin collections remaining unclaimed shall be disposed of by sealed bid at public auction, which bid shall exceed the current actual face value of the coins contained in the collection. Such unclaimed property as, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, would assist the police department in carrying out its mission may be retained and any

such retained property shall be included in the assets of the City of Redlands and entered into the inventory of the police department.

40905. PUBLIC AUCTION. Public auction of unclaimed property shall be performed as the Treasurer of the City of Redlands directs. Notice of auction shall be given to the general public not less than five days prior to the time fixed therefore by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation to residents of the City of Redlands.

40906. DESTRUCTION. Disposal by destruction of property which is contraband, or for which destruction is authorized or directed by statute or ordinance, shall be accomplished by rendering such property totally useless and accessible to reuse.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be in force and take effect as provided by law.

SECTION THREE: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published once in the Redlands Daily Facts, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in this city.

ATTEST:

Mayor of the City/of Red]

APPROVED FOR FORM:

s/ Edward F. Taylor City Attorney

I, Peggy A. Moseley, City Clerk, City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of February, 1980, by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmembers Knudsen, DeMirjyn, Elliott, Riordan; Mayor

Martinez

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

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