

City of Solon

Record of Ordinances

Requested by the
Finance Committee

ORDINANCE NO: 2020-198

INTRODUCED BY: Zelwin

AN ORDINANCE EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF SOLON
IN 2021 TO SELL BY INTERNET AUCTION PERSONAL PROPERTY,
INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER PROPERTY REFERENCED IN
REVISED CODE §721.15 WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE
OR ARE OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH THEY WERE
ACQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Revised Code §721.15 authorizes this Council to adopt an ordinance to authorize the sale by internet auction of personal property owned by the City, including motor vehicles, and other personal property equipment referenced in Revised Code §721.15 which are no longer needed for public use or obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to adopt such an ordinance expressing its intent to sell the property by internet auction during the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Council has previously authorized the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into agreements with GovDeals.com, Inc. and Iron Planet to conduct such internet auction and wishes to continue the City's use of GovDeals.com, Inc., IronPlanet, Inc. dba GovPlanet, and PropertyRoom.com, Inc. for the auction services; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to authorize the Director of Finance to advertise in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of intent to sell unneeded, obsolete or unfit municipal personal property by internet auction; and

WHEREAS, this Council further wishes to authorize the Director of Finance to post notice of the intent to sell unneeded, obsolete or unfit municipal personal property on the City's website throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City Of Solon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. This Council adopts this Ordinance for the purpose of expressing its intent to sell unneeded, obsolete or unfit personal property by internet auction. The internet auction shall be conducted by GovDeals.com, Inc. or IronPlanet, Inc. dba GovPlanet, and PropertyRoom.com, Inc. Pursuant to Revised Code §721.15, the number of days for bidding on the property shall be no less than ten (10) days.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Revised Code §721.15, the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to publish notice of this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Solon.

SECTION 3. This Council further authorizes and directs the Director of Finance to publish a notice of this Ordinance on the City's website during the year 2021.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Solon and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to continue using internet auction services to efficiently dispose of obsolete City property; wherefore, provided this ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: November 16, 2020



Mayor

ATTEST:




Clerk of Council



THE CITY OF SOLON
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Members of Council Finance Committee

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CC: Mayor Edward Kraus

DATE: November 16, 2020

RE: **Intent to Sell Surplus City Property in 2021 Using Internet Auction**

The City uses online auction services to dispose of various property and equipment deemed to no longer be of municipal use. Most property disposals are by internet auction using either GovDeals or GovPlanet. In addition, The Police Department uses an internet auction provider called Propertyroom.com to sell surplus and obsolete property. So far in 2020, online auction of surplus property has generated approximately \$87,000 in sales. When the property is to be sold by internet auction, the City may establish a minimum price that will be accepted for specific items and may establish any other terms and conditions for the particular sale, including requirements for pick-up and delivery, method of payment, and restricted bidders.

The authority to dispose of City property by internet auction is governed by Revised Code 721.15 and the City's administrative policies. Any disposal of property with a value of \$1,000 or more requires an authorization from Council. In addition, the pertinent Revised Code section requires a municipality to formally adopt a resolution expressing intent to use internet auctions to dispose of property. The resolution is to be adopted on an annual basis and should include the basic information about the method of the internet auctions and specify the minimum number of days bidding will open. Once adopted the resolution will be advertised in a paper of general circulation for two weeks. A copy of the notice will also be posted on the City's website as required by the statute.

It is requested that Council adopt a resolution expressing the City's intent to dispose of property by internet auction in 2021 as required by Revised Code 721.15. Adoption is requested on an emergency basis in order to post the required legal notice without delay.