AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 3, PUBLIC SAFETY, CHAPTER 1, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE A, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND OTHER DISPOSTION OF UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

<u>BE IT ORDAINED</u> by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled, and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: That Section 3-1001, Sale of unclaimed property, Article A, General Provisions, Chapter 1, Law Enforcement of Part 3, Public Safety, be deleted in its entirety and a new Section 3-1001 be inserted in lieu thereof as follows:

Section 3-1001 Disposition of unclaimed property.

- (a) Unclaimed personal property, except bicycles, firearms and weapons, in the possession of the police department for a period of 90 days, and after an effort has been made by the police department to ascertain the ownership of such property and to notify the owner, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, after publishing notice of such sale as required by O.C.G.A. § 44-14-411. The proceeds of any sale made under this section shall be handled as set out in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-412.
- (b) Unclaimed bicycles in the possession of the police department for a period of 90 days, and after an effort has been made by the police department to ascertain the ownership of such property and to notify the owner, may be distributed to members of the community by the police department in furtherance of its crime reduction initiatives, programs and measures. Any donation made pursuant to this subsection shall be considered of substantial benefit to the City. All other bicycles shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, after publishing notice of such sale as required by O.C.G.A. § 44-14-411. The proceeds of any sale made under this section shall be handled as set out in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-412.

<u>SECTION 2</u>: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED:		
	Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor	
CLERK OF COUNCIL		