

ARTICLE 331

Pawnbrokers

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CROSS REFERENCES

State law - see 63 P.S. Sec. 281-1 et seq.; 10 Pa. Code 61.1 et seq.

331.00 DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Pawnbrokers" shall include any person who:

- (1) Engages in the business of lending money on the deposit or pledge of personal property other than choses in action, securities or written endeavors of indebtedness; or
 - (2) Purchases personal property with an express or implied agreement or understanding to sell it back at a subsequent time at a stipulated price; or
 - (3) Lends money upon goods, wares or merchandise pledged, stored or deposited as collateral security.
- (Ord. 23-1979 §1. Passed 12-4-79.)

(b) "Dealers in second-hand goods" includes any person who otherwise in the normal course of business purchases personal property not from a retail or wholesale entity or auction for the purposes of reselling the property."

(c) "Target goods" means jewelry, cameras and photographic equipment, gold coins or bars, silver bars, copper tubing electronics equipment such as televisions or VCRs or radios or computers or computer equipment or microwave ovens, antiques, currency collectibles such as coins or stamps, and any other item of value likely to be the subject of criminal activity such as burglary or theft. Hereafter, the City police may update this definition by sending a list of categories of "target goods" to pawnbrokers and dealers in second hand goods identifying themselves as such on their Mercantile License.

(Ord. 6-1996 §1,2. Passed 5-7-96.)

331.01 REPORT REQUIRED.

(a) At the time of any transaction in target goods, the pawnbroker or dealer in second hand goods shall make a record of the name and address and the motor vehicle operator number or the social security number of the pawner or seller in second hand goods in the transaction. Such information shall be supplied to the police as part of the report required hereunder.

(b) All pawnbrokers and dealers in second hand goods shall make out and deliver to the Chief of Police or Police Commissioner each day before 10:00 a.m. a legible and accurate report of all target goods taken in pawn or purchased during the preceding business day. Such report shall contain the name or names of the pawners or sellers and accurate, detailed description, together with serial numbers thereon, if any, of all target goods taken in pawn or purchased, together with the amount loaned on or paid for such target goods. Target goods, whether taken in pawn or purchased shall not be sold, resold or otherwise disposed of for a period of at least fifteen days after pawn or purchase by such pawnbrokers or dealers, but this requirement shall not apply to the redemption of a lawfully pledged article by the pledger. Pawnbrokers and dealers shall permit the Chief of Police or Police Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives to inspect any target goods in his possession at any time during regular business hours. Failure to timely submit such list shall be a violation of this article. (Ord. 6-1996 §3. Passed 5-7-96.)

331.02 LICENSE FEE AND TERM.

All pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand goods shall identify themselves as such on the Mercantile/Business Privilege License in order to be placed on the City police mailing list updating categories of target goods. Failure to identify a business as a pawnbroker or dealer in second-hand goods as required hereunder shall be a violation of this article. (Ord. 6-1996 §4. Passed 5-7-96.)

331.03 MINORS.

No pawnbroker or dealer in second-hand goods shall purchase or take in pawn any goods of any kind from any person under eighteen years of age unless such minor's parent or guardian is present, and the name of the parent or guardian shall be reported along with the report of the transaction. (Ord. 23-1979 §4. Passed 12-4-79.)

331.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this article shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for not more than ninety days, or both. Any violator of a second or subsequent offense shall not be permitted to apply for a license for a period of two years (2 years). (Ord. 1-2009. Passed 1-6-09.)