

Chapter 21

PAWNBROKERS AND JUNK DEALERS

Sec. 21-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

Business: A junk dealer or pawnbroker as defined herein.

Junk dealer: Any person who shall engage in the business of buying and selling junk, old iron, lead, steel, copper, brass or other metals, bottles or broken glass, bagging, secondhand clothing or secondhand goods, wares or merchandise of any kind, or any other article usually found in a junkshop.

Pawnbroker: Any person whose business it is to take or receive by way of pledge, pawn or exchange, any goods, wares or merchandise or any kind of personal property whatever, for the repayment or security of money loaned thereon. (Code 1958, 20-1)

Sec. 21-2. Register of property purchased or pledged—required examination.

Any person who shall carry on the business of pawnbroker or junk dealer shall keep a register in which shall be entered in legible writing, a description of the property purchased, or taken as a pledge, pawn or security for money loaned thereon, of any description whatever, together with the names and residences of the persons from whom such property was purchased or taken. Such register shall at all times be subject to examination by the city police department. (Code 1958, 20-2)

Sec. 21-3. Same—copy to police chief.

Any person carrying on such business, shall be required to make at noon of each day, a copy of the entries for the preceding twenty-four (24) hours in the register required by section 20-2, and to deliver a copy of the same to the chief of police. (Code 1958, 20-3)

Sec. 21-4. Same—inspection of records and property pledged.

No person carrying on such business shall fail or neglect to keep such register, or refuse to exhibit the same to the chief of police or any policeman, or any third person brought as a friend to redeem property pledged by another when requested so to do, or refuse to permit the chief of police or any policeman, or any third person brought by a pledger to redeem property pledged, to inspect any article purchased or received. (Code 1958, 20-4)

Sec. 21-5. Parent's written consent prerequisite to purchases from minors.

No person carrying on such business shall purchase or receive any article from a minor without the written consent of the parent or guardian of such minor. (Code 1958, 20-5)

Sec. 21-6. Articles received to be retained one week.

No property or article purchased or received by any pawnbroker or junk dealer shall be sold or taken from the place of business of such pawnbroker, or junk dealer, for one week after the date of its receipt and the entry of its description in the register, and the delivery of a copy of such register to the chief of police, except upon the written authority of the chief of police. (Code 1958, 20-6)

Sec. 21-7. Revocation of license upon conviction of violation.

In addition to any punishment imposed by the court, the city council shall revoke the license of any pawnbroker or junk dealer who has been convicted of a violation of this chapter. (Code 1958, 20-1 (a) — 20-7)