

**TO:** Mayor Althoff and City Council

**FROM:** Chief Jeff McCormick

**SUBJECT:** Unclaimed/Abandoned Bicycles

**DATE:** August 25, 2019

**BACKGROUND**

Every year the Cannon Falls Police Department assembles a collection of unclaimed or abandoned bicycles that come into our possession. We have tried several different methods of disposal, but all have been inefficient when looking at staff time spent, until we found non-profit organizations that will haul them away and work to rebuilt them into operational bicycles. We looked locally first, but were unable to find an organization doing that type of project. We then looked to Dakota County and found two Dakota County non-profit organizations Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS. Kids 'n Kinship is an organization that matches children with the need for an additional supportive relationship with carefully screened adult volunteer. Darts is a community-based organization that connects senior citizens to services and partnerships that improve their quality of life and help them age well, and enable them to engage in their community.

We found that turning them over to Rick Anderson, who coordinates the recycling of the bikes to create as many fully functioning bicycles to be distributed to persons with a need, to be a very efficient way to dispose of the bicycles without significant amount of staff time expended on the process.

All bicycles that would be disposed of have been in our possession for 60 days or more as required by City Code 33.020. We are unable to determine the owners of the bicycles and are requesting approval to dispose of the bicycles by transferring them to Rick Anderson or his designee on behalf of the two organizations. The final number of bicycles eligible may change, but we estimate 20-25 would be disposed of.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion to approve the disposal of the unclaimed bicycles that as of September 3, 2019 are older than 60 days as of the day picked up, by transfer to Rick Anderson or his designee on behalf of Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS.