

**TO:** Mayor Montgomery and City Council

**FROM:** Chief Jeff McCormick

**SUBJECT:** Unclaimed/Abandoned Bicycles

**DATE:** October 9, 2024

**BACKGROUND**

Every year the Cannon Falls Police Department assembles a collection of unclaimed or abandoned bicycles that come into our possession. Since 2018 we have worked with Rick Anderson, who will haul them away and work to rebuilt them into operational bicycle with non-profit organizations that helps connect persons with a need for a repurposed bicycle, like 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.

The exact date of the pickup is not known yet, however only bicycles that would be disposed of have been in our possession for 60 days or more as required by City Code 33.020. Those are bicycles that we have been unable to determine the owners of the bicycles and are requesting approval to dispose of those bicycles by transferring them to Rick Anderson or his designee on behalf of the non-profit organization partners. The final number of bicycles eligible may change, but we estimate the number to be around 30 that would be disposed of.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion to approve the disposal of the unclaimed bicycles that are older than 60 days as of the day picked up, by Rick Anderson or his designee on behalf of the non-profit organization partners.