

Chapter 26  
TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN

PAWNBROKERS  
ORDINANCE

Adopted, Special Town Meeting, 8/8/00

SECTION 1 Definitions

- (A) Pawn transaction shall mean the lending of money on the security of pledged tangible property. The term also includes the purchase of tangible fixed property on the condition that it may be purchased by the seller for a fixed price within a fixed period of time.
- (B) Pawnbroker shall mean and include any person who is in the business or occupation of engaging in pawn transactions.
- (C) Minor shall mean any person who has not yet attained eighteen years of age.

SECTION 2 License Required

No person, firm, or corporation shall engage in the business of a pawnbroker in the Town of Skowhegan except under written license granted by the Board of Selectmen and issued under the signature of the Town Clerk.

SECTION 3 License Fee

Upon approval by the Selectmen, a pawnbroker's license shall be issued upon payment of a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fee to the Town Clerk. Said license shall be effective from the date issued and be valid for a period of one (1) year unless sooner revoked by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 4 Purchase from minors

No pawnbroker shall directly or indirectly either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any goods or articles from a minor, knowing or having reason to believe him or her to be as such.

SECTION 5 Record keeping

Every pawnbroker, at the time of receiving any article pawned, pledged or received in exchange, or any other article or consideration, shall give the pawner a statement that the pawnbroker will return the article at a stipulated price which shall be computed in accordance

with the requirements of Title 30-A § 3963 and shall complete in duplicate a sworn statement stating the name, age, sex and address of the person with whom the transaction is being made, the day and hour when the transaction took place, and a full accurate and a detailed description including all distinguishing marks and numbers of each article so pawned, pledged, or exchanged as will make its identification certain and plain; and the price paid by the licensee; the source from which and the time when the pawnor, pledgor, or vendor procured the same, and cause such statement to be signed and sworn to in duplicate by the person with whom such transaction has been made, and before the hour of 10 a.m. of the next business day following the transaction shall deliver or cause to be delivered at the office of the chief of police one (1) of such duplicate sworn statements to be kept on file by the police department and he or she shall retain the other statement in his or her possession, which, together with any article therein listed, may be inspected by any police officer at any and all times. Articles purchased outright by pawnbrokers shall be retained on the premises not less than ten (10) days, unless sooner released by the chief of police, and no article pawned, traded or purchased shall be altered or changed until opportunity shall have been given for examination of such articles by the chief of police or his/her designated representative.

#### SECTION 6 Identification

Every pawnbroker is required to obtain a driver's license or an official state identification card from a pawnor, pledgor, or vendor whenever receiving any article pawned, purchased, pledged or received in exchange.

#### SECTION 7 Enforcement and Penalty

The pawn ordinance shall be enforced by the Skowhegan Police Department. Any pawnbroker who violates sections 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 of this Ordinance commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) may be adjudged.