City of Ocean City 2023 Bicycle Public Auction Information & Procedures

ALL ITEMS ARE SOLD "AS IS/WHERE IS" NO RETURNS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

- Auction Location: 1 Shelter Road (first left off of Tennessee Avenue, behind the OC Municipal Golf Course) <u>Please remember to bring water, a hat & sunscreen</u>. (Look for the signs on Tennessee Avenue)
- Signups will begin at <u>9:00 A.M.</u> Upon arrival look for the clerks & cashiers under the popup tent.
- Please have your ID available & ready, which includes one of the following: a valid driver's license, passport, casino, governmental or student ID.
- You will be given a pre-numbered card to complete in order to provide us with the required contact information. When completed, please return the card to the clerks with your ID to be verified <u>BEFORE</u> you participate in the sale. You will be given a card with a number on it which will be used to identify your bid during the course of the auction. The auction is scheduled to begin at <u>10:00 A.M.</u> & will take approximately 1½ 2 hours to complete, depending on the number of items scheduled to be sold that day.
- <u>Pre-inspections</u> of the intended sale items <u>cannot be permitted</u>, due to time restraints & safety concerns.
- If you think that an item being sold may have belonged to you or a family member, please let us know & we will gladly pull it from the auction list until the matter can be resolved with the Police Department. Police officers will be onsite to handle such matters should they arise during the sale.
- All items are sold "<u>AS IS/WHERE IS</u>". Which in contractual terms means that all items are sold as they may appear, with no warranties or claims being expressed or implied by the City as to their working and/or overall condition of the item. Once you have purchased an item, it is yours & the payment will be required!
- Please remember that it is your responsibility to secure all items once the bidding has concluded. If an item is misplaced or stolen at the sale, it is now your property & you are legally obligated to make payment for that item at the conclusion of the sale.
- Once purchased, it is imperative that you keep your items in a centralized location or to bring someone with you to watch over them, to reduce the risk of theft or the possibility of items being mixed up with someone else's purchases.
- **NO RETURNS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY!** Please try to always purchase wisely.
- If you see something you wish to bid on, please hold up your card or hand until you are acknowledged by <u>auctioneer</u>. Don't be timid when bidding & always try to make your offer well known to the auctioneer. The auctioneers have a large area to cover, when taking the bids & we don't want to miss your offer.
- In order for the auction to progress smoothly, it is helpful that all cell phones are placed on the silent or vibrate mode and that all attendees try to keep their voices down low during the course of the actual sale.
- Invoicing can take up to 25 minutes to complete & to be placed in the checkout number box. Up to 6 items are recorded on each auction sales sheet, thus it takes time for your information to reach the cashiers for the final checkouts.
- If you are **buying more than one item**, you do not need to come to the cashier after each & every item is purchased. <u>Please wait until the sale has concluded or that you have finished bidding for the day to settle up with the cashiers</u>.
- Unfortunately, we cannot complete your closeout transaction until all of the paperwork has been turned in to finalize your day's purchases.
- Payment can <u>ONLY</u> be accepted in the form of <u>cash, local checks and/or a check with proper ID</u>. Exact change is always helpful in making the transactions go a bit faster. Thus we try to keep the sale prices in whole numbers.
- Some bicycles may appear to be newer, while others are well used & will require repairs to be made safe & functional once again. Most bicycles are obtained by the Police Department through either abandonment or as unclaimed property that the City has acquired during the course of the previous year. All bicycles sold have been held by the Ocean City Police Department at a minimum of <u>6 months</u> per New Jersey State Statue.