

ORDINANCE NO. M-2257

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF ABANDONED,
LOST, OR STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED BY THE HOMEWOOD
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Disposition of Property Act (765 ILCS 1030/1 et seq.) (“the Act”) governs the disposition of personal property transferred to a law enforcement agency under a reasonable belief that such property was abandoned, lost, stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the law enforcement agency to retain the property for at least six months while making reasonable efforts to identify and notify the property owner; and

WHEREAS, if the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the police department obtains such possession, the Chief of Police may donate property that is worth less than \$100 to a charitable organization registered in the State of Illinois, if the donation is approved by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Homewood Police Department has recovered numerous bicycles and has retained them for at least 6 months, but has been unable to identify their owners; and

WHEREAS, the estimated value of each bicycle is less than \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined that the interests of the public would best be served by donating the bicycles to Restoration Ministries, Inc. in Harvey, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois that:

SECTION ONE - AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE PROPERTY:

The Chief of Police is authorized to donate nine (9) bicycles recovered by the Homewood Police Department to Restoration Ministries, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation in Harvey, Illinois.

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval under law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of July, 2023.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

AYES:_____ NAYS:_____ ABSTENTIONS:_____ ABSENT:_____