
TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Abandoned Property
DATE: April 20, 2026

OVERVIEW:

On December 23rd, 2025, an officer was on patrol when he initiated a traffic stop on an ATV that ultimately fled from the officer. The ATV was later located abandoned in the area and the driver was not located. The police department impounded the ATV for safekeeping and after investigation the driver and/or current owner of the ATV is unknown. Many attempts have been made to locate the current owner including utilizing social media, but attempts have been unsuccessful. The required 60 days to hold the vehicle per city code and 90 days per department policy have elapsed and the property is now considered abandoned.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

To approve Resolution 2026-09 which declares a 1995 Kawasaki Bayou 220 ATV bearing vin JKBLFBA12SB591475 related to St. Francis Police case number 25284391 as abandoned property.

The Police Department will use the online bidding service of Municibid to sell and dispose of the property. St. Francis city code 8-7-2 (C) authorizes the City to sell abandoned property to the highest bidder at public auction or in the manner directed by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

Work performed in the preparation and selling of abandoned property will be conducted during normal working hours. Funds collected from the sales of the property will be placed into City of St. Francis General Fund.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2026-09 Declaring surplus property