



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Kate Thunstrom, City Administrator
FROM: Todd Schwieger, Police Chief
SUBJECT: Abandoned Property
DATE: July 21, 2025

OVERVIEW:

On August 4th, 2020, a vehicle was reported stolen in the City of St. Francis which was recovered in the City of Blaine the same day. Since that time the vehicle has been stored in the St. Francis Police Department forfeiture lot waiting for the registered owner to retrieve the vehicle. The registered owner has been contacted numerous times and on May 30th, 2025, a notice was mailed explaining that unless the vehicle is claimed within 30 days, it would be brought before the city council to be declared abandoned property. The register owner has failed to respond to the notice and the property is now considered abandoned.

ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED:

To approve Resolution 2025-37 which declares a 1995 Honda Civic bearing MN license EFY212 and VIN 1HGCD5533SA037866 related to St. Francis Police case number 20190063 as abandoned property.

The Police Department will utilize 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 2025-37 declaring surplus property