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**File Number: 48505**

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| <b>File ID:</b> 48505  | <b>File Type:</b> Resolution | <b>Status:</b> Report of Officer           |
| <b>Version:</b> 1  | <b>Reference:</b>            | <b>Controlling Body:</b> FINANCE COMMITTEE |
| <b>Lead Referral:</b> PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION  | <b>Cost:</b>                 | <b>File Created Date :</b> 08/22/2017      |
| <b>File Name:</b> Donating Abandoned Bicycles  |                              | <b>Final Action:</b>                       |
| <b>Title:</b> Authorizing the Police Department to Donate Abandoned Bicycles to Non-Profit Organizations |                              |  |

### Notes:

### Code Sections:

**CC Agenda Date:** 09/05/2017

### Indexes:

**Agenda Number:** 65.

**Sponsors:** Ledell Zellers and Michael E. Verveer

**Effective Date:**

### Attachments:

**Enactment Number:**

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**Hearing Date:**

**Entered by:** smautz@cityofmadison.com

**Published Date:**

## Approval History

| Version      | Date       | Approver       | Action  |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---------|
| 1            | 08/30/2017 | Elizabeth York | Approve |
| <b>Notes</b> | Extend     |                |         |

## History of Legislative File

| Version: | Acting Body:        | Date:      | Action:                                       | Sent To:                                    | Due Date: | Return Date: | Result: |
|----------|---------------------|------------|---|---|-----------|--------------|---------|
| 1        | Attorney's Office   | 08/22/2017 | Referred for Introduction                     |   |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Action Text:</b> |            | This Resolution was Referred for Introduction |   |           |              |         |
|          | <b>Notes:</b>       |            | Common Council (10/3/2017)                    |   |           |              |         |
| 1        | COMMON COUNCIL      | 09/05/2017 | Refer   | PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION |           | 09/26/2017   | Pass    |

**Action Text:** A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.  
**Notes:** Additional referral: Finance Committee

1 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/ 09/05/2017 Referred FINANCE 09/11/2017  
MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITTEE  
COMMISSION

**Action Text:** This Resolution was Referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Notes:**

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE 09/11/2017 Return to Lead with PEDESTRIAN/BIC 09/26/2017 Pass  
the YCLE/MOTOR  
Recommendation VEHICLE  
for Approval COMMISSION

**Action Text:** A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Verveer, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

1 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/ 09/26/2017 RECOMMEND TO  
MOTOR VEHICLE COUNCIL WITH  
COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING  
RECOMMENDATION  
S - REPORT OF  
OFFICER

**Action Text:** A motion was made by Zellers, seconded by Foster to move approval, with the understanding the language would be changed to clarify that preference be given to local, Madison and/or Dane County non-profit organizations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

1 COMMON COUNCIL 10/03/2017

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## Text of Legislative File 48505

### Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the Police Department to donate abandoned bicycles to non-profit organizations. The Department recovers approximately 500 bicycles per year and currently returns them to their owners, or if the owner cannot be determined, the bicycles are auctioned or destroyed. The fiscal impact of allowing the Department to donate unclaimed the bicycles is anticipated to be minimal.

### Title

Authorizing the Police Department to Donate Abandoned Bicycles to Non-Profit Organizations

### Body

WHEREAS, The Madison Police Department regularly recovers and holds bicycles found unattended on the streets, highways, parks and other public areas throughout the City with the intent to return them to their rightful owners. Nonetheless, a significant number of these bicycles remain unclaimed and in the possession of the Department for a period in excess of forty-five (45) days; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 342.40(3) allows municipalities to enact ordinances governing the disposal of abandoned vehicles; and Madison Governing Ordinance Sec. 12.761 allow the police department to dispose of abandoned bicycles according to law; and

WHEREAS, several of the abandoned bicycles are not appropriate for auction or resale; and

WHEREAS, there are several non-profit organizations that provide donated bicycles to individuals throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, The Madison Police Department desires to establish a regular and consistent mechanism to dispose of abandoned bicycles in an efficient manner that would also improve the lives of individuals throughout the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Police Department to donate abandoned bicycles each calendar year on a first-come, first-serve basis to any non-profit organization that applies for a donation of the above mentioned abandoned bicycles.