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Executive Summary

TO: Brian C. Blad, Mayor; Members of the Pocatello City Council
FROM: Captain Chad Higbee, Pocatello Police Support Services Division
RE: Bicycles for Recovery, Inc. MOU
DATE: October 23, 2024

The Pocatello Police Department would like to enter into an MOU to donate bicycles in police custody as surplus to Bicycles for Recovery. Currently there are three categories that come into possession of the police department.

- 1) Found: retained for 90 days
- 2) Safe keeping: retained for 14 days
- 3) Evidence: retained until case is adjudicated

The found and safe keeping bicycles are stored in a storage container behind the police department until the 14 or 90 day time limit (per policy) is reached or the container is full. Once capacity is reached in the container the police department then has to get a truck, go to sanitation and borrow a trailer to haul the bicycles to the Pocatello Airport where they are stored. When the city has an auction in the spring, again we have to get a truck, borrow a trailer and haul the bicycles from the airport to Prime Time Auctions. The last auction was from the previous two years and the city received under \$200 dollars for all the bicycles. Manpower to store, move and store, then move to sale greatly exceeds monetary value received for the bicycles.

Richard Roberts from Bicycles for Recovery contacted the Pocatello Police Department requesting a donation of bicycles for him to use through his 501(c)(3) company. Roberts advised his company works with homeless persons, Probation and Parole, persons recovering from addiction, persons released from the prisons and general public who need a form of transportation to get to jobs or job interviews. Roberts has signed an MOU (pursuant to approval of the Mayor and City Council) with the City of Pocatello to pick up the bicycles and incur all costs associated with repairing the bicycles and getting them to persons in need.

The Pocatello Police Department requests the Mayor and City Council declare bicycles currently in the Pocatello Police Department's custody that have exceeded the retention periods above as surplus and allow said bicycles to be transferred to Richard Roberts with Bicycles for Recovery, pursuant to the MOU.