

# FOUND PROPERTY REPORT

## Notice of Requirements for Finders of Property:

**98.005 Rights and duties of finder of money or goods.**

(1) If any person finds money or goods valued at \$250 or more, and if the owner of the money or goods is unknown, such person, within 10 days after the date of the finding, shall give notice of the finding in writing to the county clerk of the county in which the money or goods was found. Within 20 days after the date of the finding, the finder of the money or goods shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of the finding once each week for two consecutive weeks. Each such notice shall state the general description of the money or goods found, the name and address of the finder and final date before which such goods may be claimed.

(2) If no person appears and establishes ownership of the money or goods prior to the expiration of three months after the date of the notice to the county clerk under subsection (1) of this section, the finder shall be the owner of the money or goods.

**98.015 Liability of non-complying finder; forfeiture to county of unreclaimed money or goods.**

If any person who finds money or goods valued at \$250 or more fails to comply with ORS 98.005, the person shall be liable, upon conviction for violation of ORS 164.065, to the county for the money or goods or the full value of the money or goods. The county treasurer shall hold the money or goods or their value for owner thereof and shall publish notice of the finding of the money or goods in the manner provided in ORS 98.005. If the owner has not reclaimed such money or goods within three months after the date of the first publication of notice by the county treasurer, the owner shall forfeit the rights of the owner to the value of such money or goods and the value of such money or goods shall be placed in the general fund of the county to be used for the payment of the general operating expenses of the county. [1973 c.642 §2; 1989 c.522 §2; 2013 c.220 §2]

**98.025 Rights of the Owner.**

If an owner of money or goods found by another person appears and establishes a claim to such money or goods within the time period prescribed by ORS 98.005 or 98.015, whichever applies, the owner shall have restitution of such money or goods or their value upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in the finding, giving of notice, care and custody of such money or goods.

**This report form is provided to assist you in complying with ORS 98.005 (1) above which requires filing of written notice with the County Clerk within 10 days of the finding of money and/or goods valued in excess of \$250.00.**

NAME	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	<i>For Office Use Only</i>
STREET				
CITY, STATE		ZIP		
MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE		PHONE		
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION				
DATE OF FIND	(Month)	(Day)	(Year)	
PLACE OF FIND	(City)	(County)		
IN OR NEAR				

NOTE: In order to preserve your right to unclaimed property, in addition to the filing of this report you must also publish a notice within 20 days after the date of the finding in a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The notice must be placed in the newspaper one each week for two consecutive weeks. The newspaper notice must include a general description of the item(s) found, the name and address of the finder and the final date before which the owner may claim the property. The date would be three months from the date you filed written notice with the County Clerk.

Property remaining unclaimed three months after the date of this notice \_\_\_\_\_ will become the property of the finder.  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature