

session or under the control of the Montgomery County Police and to deposit the funds derived from said sale or sales in the County Treasury to the credit of the Police Fund; provided that the said Chief of Police before selling any motor vehicle as herein provided shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain the owner of said motor vehicle and shall, if the owner and his residence be known, mail a registered notice to the said owner at least ten days prior to said sale, and if any owner shall be so notified and shall fail to take possession of any such motor vehicle within ten days after said notice shall be mailed then the Chief of Police of Montgomery County shall sell the same at public auction as herein provided; and provided further that if the owner of any such motor vehicle be unknown or if his residence be unknown to the Chief of Police or if said owner shall fail to take possession of any motor vehicle as herein provided, then said Chief of Police shall advertise once in some newspaper printed and published in Montgomery County that on some day to be named in said advertisement not less than ten days after the publication thereof, that he will offer for sale at public auction any such motor vehicle, abandoned, stolen, lawfully seized or unclaimed as hereinabove set forth, which advertisement shall set forth the time, place and terms of said sale, together with a detailed description of said motor vehicle.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the certificate of the Chief of Police of Montgomery County that he has sold any motor vehicle at public auction to a purchaser, shall constitute sufficient evidence of title to any motor vehicle so sold, in order to enable any such purchaser to obtain a certificate of Title and Registration from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds of any sale of any motor vehicle as herein authorized shall be delivered by the Chief of Police of Montgomery County to the Treasurer of Montgomery County, who shall pay therefrom the expenses of said sale, the amount of storage and repair charges incurred, and all liens thereon in order of their priority, if the same be ascertained or presented to said Treasurer within 30 days of said sale, and the amount in excess of said charges to the owner of said motor vehicle, provided that said owner shall present a claim to the said Treasurer for such excess within one year from the date of sale. If no claim for such excess is made within one year of the date of