

Chapter 151

PAWNBROKERS, DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS, SECONDHAND DEALERS AND ANTIQUE DEALERS

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§ 151-1. Uniform Registration System.

The Borough of Dormont hereby authorizes and approves the establishment of a registration system for pawnbrokers, dealers in precious metals, secondhand dealers and antique dealers for the purpose of establishing a body of uniformly produced records that will allow local law enforcement authorities to track, monitor and share information regarding merchandise pawned, bought, sold, exchanged, and/or loaned by pawnbrokers, dealers in precious metals, second hand dealers and antique dealers.

§ 151-2. Definitions.

DEALER IN PRECIOUS METALS — Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or business entity, who or which purchases precious metals from the general public for resale or refining or any individual who acts as an agent for such individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business organization or entity. Excluded from this definition are financial institutions licensed under Federal or State banking laws, the manufacturers or jewelry or of other items composed, in whole or in part, of gold, silver or platinum and the purchaser of precious metals for his, her, or its use or ownership and not for resale or refining.

PAWNBROKER — Any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business organization or entity which lends money on the deposit or pledge of physically delivered personal property or who deals in the purchase of such property on the condition of selling the property back again at a stipulated price. The business of pawnbroker does not include the lending of money on deposit or pledge of title to property.

PRECIOUS METALS — Items containing or being of gold, silver or platinum, including but not limited to, jewelry and silver services, but excluding coins, ingots, bullion or photographic film or any article containing less than 5% of gold, silver or platinum by weight.

SECONDHAND DEALER or ANTIQUE DEALER — Individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business organization or entity which is regularly engaged in the business or purchasing or taking upon consignment precious metals, secondhand or used goods for resale or refining, or an individual who acts as agent for such individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business organization or entity.

§ 151-3. Records.

All pawnbrokers, dealers in precious metals, secondhand dealers, or antique dealers shall maintain accurate and complete records of each transaction in which they purchase or obtain property, precious metals, secondhand or used goods, and of each transaction in which they sell or loan such goods. Such records shall be kept on standard forms provided by the Borough of Dormont Police Department and written in the English language at the time of the transaction in the course of business. Such records shall be retained for a period of three years from the date of the transaction and shall be available for inspection by law enforcement authorities of the federal government, the Commonwealth, or its municipalities. These records shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual pawning, buying, selling, exchanging, and/or loaning the item.
- (2) Proof of the individual's positive identification, e.g. Pennsylvania's driver's license number or Pennsylvania non-driver's license identification number. In the event that the individual pawning, buying, selling, exchanging, and/or loaning the item is under the age of eighteen years, he/she shall be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must also provide proof of positive identification, the same being recorded in the merchant's records.
- (3) A complete and accurate description of the goods pawned, purchased, sold, exchanged, or loaned, including serial numbers (where applicable).
- (4) The price for which the item was pawned, purchased, sold, exchanged, or loaned.

§ 151-4. Copy of Records.

A legible, accurate, and complete copy of these records shall be delivered to the Police Chief or his designee at his office every Tuesday before 10:00 a.m. Upon demand, inventory records shall be open to the Dormont Police Department for its review.

§ 151-5. Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000 per occurrence or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.