

Chapter 9.06

REWARD FOR CRIME INFORMATION

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9.06.010 **Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter, the following terms and their derivations shall have the following meaning:

- A. “Qualifying Criminal Offense” means:
 - 1. An unlawful act as set forth in either BCMC Section 9.28.150 (“City property—Removal or damage”) or BCMC Section 9.28.160 (“City property—Unlawful possession”); and/or
 - 2. An unlawful act that constitutes an offense against City property, including but not limited to those offenses as set forth in R.C.W. 9A.48.070 through 9A.48.090, whether or not the offense is a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor.
- B. “Qualifying Recipient” means any person who:
 - 1. Has furnished information to the City or a law enforcement officer of Benton County that leads to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons committing a Qualifying Criminal Offense; and
 - 2. Has completed the crime information reward process as described in BCMC. Section 9.06.030; and
 - 3. Was not a City employee, City Council member, City officer, or law enforcement officer whose jurisdiction includes Benton City at the time that they furnished the information regarding the Qualifying Criminal Offense; and
 - 4. Is not a City Council member at the time that City Council is considering the payment of a reward pursuant to this Chapter.

9.06.020 **Reward Established.**

- A. **Single Qualifying Recipient.** If only one Qualifying Recipient furnishes information regarding a Qualifying Criminal Offense, City Council may in its sole discretion pay a reward not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) to any single Qualifying Recipient.
- B. **Multiple Qualifying Recipients.** If more than one Qualifying Recipient furnishes information regarding the same Qualifying Criminal Offense, City Council may in its sole discretion pay a reward to the Qualifying Recipients in the following manner:

1. If there are two Qualifying Recipients, an amount not to exceed a total of two hundred dollars (\$200), the total of which shall be apportioned equally among the Qualifying Recipients.
 2. If there are three or more Qualifying Recipients, an amount not to exceed a total of three hundred dollars (\$300), the total of which shall be apportioned equally among the Qualifying Recipients.
- C. Reward Discretionary. Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted so as to create a duty for the City to pay a reward to any Qualifying Recipient. The City may refuse to pay a reward to any Qualifying Recipient for any reason.

- 9.06.030** **Crime information Reward Process**. Before any person, or persons, is entitled to the reward pursuant to this Chapter, that person, or persons, must submit to the City, within one year from the date of an individual's conviction for a Qualifying Criminal Offense, either:
- A. A certified copy of the record of conviction for a Qualifying Criminal Offense, and establish to City Council that their information led to the arrest and conviction; or
 - B. A certified letter from the Sheriff of Benton County or his or her designee, stating that the person or persons furnished information to the Benton County Sheriff's Office that led to the arrest and conviction.