



**CITY OF MARQUETTE  
BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION**

***Upon submission, attach a copy of a current Government-issued ID to this***

TYPE OF BUSINESS LICENSE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT/ OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT/OWNER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing below, applicant attests that they have read this application packet, including relevant sections of the Marquette City Code, and agrees to abide by the requirements detailed therein.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

*This application will be reviewed by the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Treasurer and the Planner/Zoning Official of the City of Marquette, and must receive their endorsement prior to any license being issued by this office. Allow up to 10 business days for this process to conclude.*



## **CITY OF MARQUETTE PRECIOUS METAL OR GEM DEALER CHECKLIST**

*When submitting application materials to the Clerk's Office, include the following:*

- Copy of a current government-issued photo ID
- Fee required under the adopted City of Marquette Fee Schedule

Additionally, under State law, precious metal or gem dealers must work with the Marquette Police Department in order to meet recording and reporting requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Kohler at 906-228-0400.

*For your information, prior to a license being granted, the application materials will be reviewed and must be approved by the City of Marquette's Treasury and Police Departments. The City Fire Inspector will also review the information, and will contact the applicant to schedule a fire inspection, if necessary.*

## Chapter 12 – BUSINESSES

### ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Secs. 12-1—12-24. - Reserved

### ARTICLE II. - LICENSES

Sec. 12-25 – 12-26 - Reserved

Sec. 12-27. - License required.

No person shall engage or be engaged in the operation, conduct or carrying on of any trade, profession, business or privilege for which any license is required by any provision of this Code without first obtaining a license from the city in the manner provided for in this article. An application for license shall be reviewed as follows:

- (1) The city police chief or designee shall investigate the applicant as necessary to satisfy himself that there are no outstanding criminal charges against the applicant and that the business to be conducted is not intended to cheat or defraud the public. Upon making such determination to his satisfaction, he shall indicate his approval in writing. A license shall not be issued unless such approval has been obtained. In all cases where the certification of the chief of police is required prior to the issuance of any license by the city clerk, such certification shall be based upon a finding that the person making application for such license has the propensity on the part of the person to serve the public in the licensed area in a fair, honest, and open manner.
- (2) The city treasurer or designee shall determine if the applicant owes to the city any taxes or other default, and if no such default exists, shall so indicate his findings in writing. A license shall not be issued where default is reported.
- (3) The city planner or zoning official shall determine if the property and structure to be used is appropriately zoned for such business and shall indicate his approval in writing. A license shall not be issued without such approval.
- (4) The city attorney, if required by this code, shall review the application and supporting materials as required in section 34-54 and shall indicate his approval in writing. A license may not be issued without such approval.
- (5) The fire chief or designee shall make a determination as to the habitability and safety of the structure and property to be used for such business, and shall verify the safety and legality of all fireworks sales. Such approval shall be indicated in writing. A license may not be issued without such approval. In all cases where the certification of the fire chief is required prior to the issuance of any license by the city clerk, such certification shall be based upon an actual inspection and a finding that the premises in which the person making application for such license proposes to conduct or is conducting the trade, profession, business or privilege comply with all the fire regulations of the state and of the city.

Sec. 12-28. - Multiple businesses.

The granting of a license or permit to any person operating, conducting or carrying on any trade, profession, business or privilege which contains within itself, or is composed of, trades, professions, businesses or privileges which are required by this Code to be licensed, shall not relieve the person to whom such license or permit is granted from the necessity of securing individual licenses or permits for each such trade, profession, business or privilege.

Sec. 12-29. - State-licensed businesses.

The fact that a license or permit has been granted to any person by the state to engage in the operation, conduct or carrying on of any trade, profession, business or privilege shall not exempt such person from the necessity of securing a license or permit from the city if such license or permit is required by this Code.

Sec. 12-30. - License application.

Unless otherwise provided in this Code, every person required to obtain a license from the city to engage in the operation, conduct or carrying on of any trade, profession, business or privilege shall make application for said license to the city clerk upon forms provided by the city clerk and shall state under oath or affirmation such facts as may be required for, or applicable to, the granting of such license. However, each application shall include, at minimum: name, address, birth date and contact information for the business owner, as well as a photocopy of a current Government-issued identification.

**Sec. 12-31. - License year.**

The license year shall begin May 1 of each year and shall terminate at 12:00 midnight on April 30 of the following year. In all cases where the provisions of this article permit the issuance of licenses for periods of less than one year, the effective date of such licenses shall commence with the dates as indicated on the license.

**Sec. 12-32. - Conditions for issuance.**

No license or permit required by this Code shall be issued to any person who is required to have a license or permit from the state until such person shall submit evidence of such state license or permit and proof that all fees appertaining thereto have been paid. No license shall be granted to any applicant therefor until such applicant has complied with all of the provisions of this Code applicable to the trade, profession, business or privilege for which application for license is made.

**Sec. 12-33. - Where certification required.**

No license shall be granted where the certification of any officer of the city is required prior to the issuance thereof, until such certification is made.

**Sec. 12-34. - County health officer's certificate.**

In all cases where the certification of the county health officer is required prior to the issuance of any license by the city clerk, such certification shall be based upon an actual inspection and a finding that the person making application and the premises in which he proposes to conduct or is conducting the trade, profession, business or privilege comply with all the sanitary requirements of the state and of the city.

**Sec. 12-35. - Fees and bonds.**

- (a) The fee and any bond required to be paid to obtain any license to engage in the operation, conduct, or carrying on of any trade, profession, business or privilege for which a license is required by the provisions of this Code shall be as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the city commission from time to time. No license shall be issued to any applicant unless he first pays to the city clerk the fee and posts a bond in the amount required for the type of license desired.
- (b) Where the provisions of this Code require that the applicant for any license or permit furnish a bond, such bond shall be furnished in an amount as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the city commission from time to time; and the form of such bond shall be acceptable to the city attorney. In lieu of a bond, an applicant for a license or permit may furnish one or more policies of insurance in the same amounts and providing the same protection as called for in any such bond; any such policies of insurance shall be approved as to substance by the city official issuing said license or permit and as to form by the city attorney.

**Sec. 12-36. - License renewals.**

Unless otherwise provided in this Code, an application for renewal of a license shall be considered in the same manner as an original application. However, complete applications, and associated fees, for license renewal shall be submitted to the office of the issuing authority prescribed in this code at least 10 business days prior to the start of the business license year. Any person seeking a license renewal who fails to submit a completed application and associated fees by this deadline shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction.

**Sec. 12-37. - Right to issuance.**

If the application for any license is approved by the proper officers of the city, as provided in this Code, said license shall be granted and shall serve as a receipt for payment of the fee prescribed for such licenses.

**Sec. 12-38. - Fees—Payment.**

The fee required by this Code for any license or permit shall be paid at the office of the issuing authority prescribed in this Code upon or before the granting of said license or permit.

**Sec. 12-39. - Same—Exempt persons.**

No license fee shall be required from any person exempt from such fee by state or federal law. Such persons shall comply with all other provisions of this article. The city clerk shall, in all such cases, issue to such persons licenses which are clearly marked as to said exemption and the reason therefor.

Sec. 12-40. - Suspension or revocation.

Any license or permit issued by the city may be suspended or revoked by the city manager or by the issuing authority for cause. The licensee shall have the right to a hearing before the commission on any such action, provided a written request therefor is filed with the city clerk within five days after receipt of said notice of suspension or revocation. The commission may confirm such suspension or revocation or reinstate any such license. The action taken by the commission shall be final. Upon suspension or revocation of any license or permit, the fee therefor shall not be refunded.

Sec. 12-41. - "Cause" defined.

The term "cause," as used in this article, shall include the doing or omitting of any act or permitting any condition to exist in connection with any trade, profession, business or privilege for which a license or permit is granted under the provisions of this Code, or upon any premises or facilities used in connection therewith, which act, omission or condition is:

- (1) Contrary to health, morals, safety or welfare of the public;
- (2) Unlawful, irregular or fraudulent in nature;
- (3) Unauthorized or beyond the scope of the license or permit granted; or
- (4) Forbidden by the provisions of this Code or any duly established rule or regulation of the city applicable to the trade, profession, business or privilege for which the license or permit has been granted.

Sec. 12-42. - Reserved.

Sec. 12-43. - Exhibition of license.

No licensee shall fail to carry any license issued in accordance with the provisions of this article upon his person at all times when engaged in the operation, conduct or carrying on of any trade, profession, business or privilege for which the license was granted; except that where such trade, profession, business or privilege is operated, conducted or carried on at a fixed place or establishment, said license shall be exhibited at all times in some conspicuous place in his place of business. Every licensee shall produce his license for examination when requested to do so by any city law enforcement officer or by any person representing the issuing authority.

Sec. 12-44. - Reserved.

Sec. 12-45. - Displaying invalid license.

No person shall display any expired or otherwise invalid license.

Sec. 12-46. - Misuse—Transferability.

No license or permit issued under the provisions of this Code shall be transferable. No licensee or permittee shall transfer or attempt to transfer his license or permit to another nor shall he make any improper use of the same.

Sec. 12-47. - Same—Automatic revocation.

In addition to the penalty provision of section 1-13 for violation thereof, any attempt by a licensee or permittee to transfer his license or permit to another, or use the same improperly, shall be void and result in the automatic revocation of such license or permit.

Sec. 12-48. - Civil infraction.

An individual who violates any portion of this article is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

Sec. 12-49. - Applicability.

All processes and penalties detailed in this article apply to business licenses issued under any section of this code, including but not limited to those licenses required by Chapters 6, 12, 34 and 35.

Secs. 12-50—12-74. - Reserved.

### ARTICLE III. – AUCTIONEERS

Sec. 12-75. - License required.

No person shall engage in the trade or business of auctioneer without first obtaining a license therefor.

Sec. 12-76. - Prohibited activity.

**THE PRECIOUS METAL AND GEM DEALER ACT**  
**Act 95 of 1981**

AN ACT to regulate the business of buying and receiving gold, silver, platinum, gems, jewelry, and other precious items; to provide powers to certain state and local officers and agencies with respect to such regulation; to provide for the registration of precious metal and gem dealers; to provide for civil damages; and to prescribe penalties.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**445.481 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the precious metal and gem dealer act".

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.482 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Agent or employee" means a person who, for compensation or valuable consideration, is employed either directly or indirectly by a dealer.

(b) "Dealer" means any person, corporation, partnership, or association, which, in whole or in part, engages in the ordinary course of repeated and recurrent transactions of buying or receiving precious items from the public within this state.

(c) "Gold" means elemental gold having an atomic weight of 196.967 and the chemical element symbol of Au, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.

(d) "Internet drop-off store" means a person, corporation, or firm that contracts with other persons, corporations, or firms to offer its precious items for sale, purchase, consignment, or trade through means of an internet website and meets the conditions described in section 3(3).

(e) "Jewelry" means an ornamental item made of a material that includes a precious gem.

(f) "Local governmental unit" means a city, village, township, or county.

(g) "Local police agency" means the police agency of the city, village, or township, or if none, the county sheriff of the county, in which the dealer or internet drop-off store conducts business.

(h) "Platinum" means elemental platinum having an atomic weight of 195.09 and the chemical element symbol of Pt, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.

(i) "Precious gem" means a diamond, alexandrite, ruby, sapphire, opal, amethyst, emerald, aquamarine, morganite, garnet, jadeite, topaz, tourmaline, turquoise, or pearl.

(j) "Precious item" means jewelry, a precious gem, or an item containing gold, silver, or platinum. Precious item does not include the following:

(i) Coins, commemorative medals, and tokens struck by, or in behalf of, a government or private mint.

(ii) Bullion bars and discs of the type traded by banks and commodity exchanges.

(iii) Items at the time they are purchased directly from a dealer registered under this act, a manufacturer, or a wholesaler who purchased them directly from a manufacturer.

(iv) Industrial machinery or equipment.

(v) An item being returned to or exchanged at the dealer where the item was purchased and that is accompanied by a valid sales receipt.

(vi) An item which is received for alteration, redesign, or repair in a manner that does not substantially change its use and returned directly to the customer.

(vii) An item which does not have a jeweler's identifying mark or a serial mark and which the dealer purchases for less than \$5.00.

(viii) Scrap metal which contains incidental traces of gold, silver, or platinum that are recoverable as a by-product.

(ix) Jewelry which a customer trades for other jewelry having a greater value, and which difference in value is paid by the customer.

(k) "Silver" means elemental silver having an atomic weight of 107.869 and the chemical element symbol of Ag, whether found by itself or in combination with its alloys or any other metal.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981;—Am. 1990, Act 34, Eff. May 1, 1990;—Am. 2006, Act 295, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2006.

**445.483 Dealer; certificate of registration required; internet drop-off store exempt from registration; application; fee; disclosures; dealer, agent, or employee convicted of**

**misdemeanor or felony; compliance with local ordinances; issuance and posting of certificate; notification of change in name or address.**

Sec. 3. (1) A dealer shall not conduct business in a local governmental unit in this state unless the dealer has obtained a valid certificate of registration from that local governmental unit or local police agency.

(2) This section does not require an internet drop-off store complying with subsection (3), or a person engaged in the sale, purchase, consignment, or trade of precious items for himself or herself, to obtain a registration under this act.

(3) An internet drop-off store in compliance with the following conditions is exempt from registration as a dealer under this act:

(a) Has a fixed place of business within this state except that he or she exclusively transacts all purchases or sales by means of the internet and the purchases and sales are not physically transacted on the premises of that fixed place of business.

(b) Has the personal property or other valuable thing available on a website for viewing by photograph, if available, by the general public at no charge, which website shall be searchable by zip code or state, or both. The website viewing shall include, as applicable, serial number, make, model, and other unique identifying marks, numbers, names, or letters appearing on the personal property or other valuable thing.

(c) Maintains records of the sale, purchase, consignment, or trade of the personal property or other valuable thing for at least 2 years, which records shall contain a description, including a photograph, if available, and, if applicable, serial number, make, model, and other unique identifying marks, numbers, names, or letters appearing on the personal property or other valuable thing.

(d) Provide the local police agency with any name under which it conducts business on the website and access to the business premises at any time during normal business hours for purposes of inspection.

(e) Within 24 hours after a request from a local police agency, provide an electronic copy of the seller's or consignor's name, address, telephone number, driver license number and issuing state, the buyer's name and address if applicable, and a description of the personal property or other valuable thing as described in subdivision (c). The provision of information shall be in a format acceptable to the local police agency but shall at least be in a legible format and in the English language.

(f) Provide that payment for the personal property or other valuable thing is executed by means of check or other electronic payment system, so long as the payment is not made in cash. No payment shall be provided to the seller until the item is sold.

(g) Immediately remove the personal property or other valuable thing from the website if the local police agency determines that the personal property or other valuable thing is stolen.

(4) A dealer shall apply to the local police agency for a certificate of registration, and pay a fee not to exceed \$50.00 to cover the reasonable cost of processing and issuing the certificate of registration, by disclosing the following information:

(a) The name, address, and thumbprint of the applicant.

(b) The name and address under which the applicant does business.

(c) The name, address, and thumbprint of all agents or employees of the dealer. Within 24 hours after hiring a new employee, the dealer shall forward to the local police agency the name, address, and thumbprint of the new employee.

(5) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this act or under section 535 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.535, shall not be permitted to operate as a dealer within this state for a period of 1 year after conviction.

(6) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who is convicted of a felony under this act or under section 535 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.535, shall not be permitted to operate as a dealer within this state for a period of 5 years after the conviction.

(7) This act shall not be construed to excuse a dealer from complying with the local zoning ordinance or any local ordinance regulating commercial activities. However, a local government may not pass an ordinance, or enforce an existing ordinance, that provides additional standards which must be met before the issuance of a certificate of registration.

(8) Upon receipt of the application described in subsection (4), the local police agency shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with this section.

(9) Upon receipt of the certificate of registration from the local police agency, the dealer shall post it in a conspicuous place in the dealer's place of business.

(10) Not less than 10 days before a dealer changes the name or address under which the dealer does business, the dealer shall notify the local police agency of the change.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981;—Am. 2006, Act 295, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2006.

**445.484 Permanent record of each transaction; forms; copies; information required; numbering; sending copy of record of transaction form to police agency or sheriff's department; inspection; confidentiality; retention period; size of form; definition.**

Sec. 4. (1) A dealer shall maintain a permanent record of each transaction, on record of transaction forms provided for in subsection (6), legibly written in ink in the English language. Each record of transaction form shall be filled out in quadruplicate by the dealer or agent or employee of the dealer. One copy of the form shall go to the appropriate police agency or sheriff's department pursuant to subsection (3); 1 copy shall go to the customer; and 1 copy shall be retained by the dealer pursuant to subsection (5). At the time a dealer receives or purchases a precious item, the dealer or the agent or employee of the dealer shall insure that the following information is recorded accurately on a record of transaction form:

(a) The dealer certificate of registration number.

(b) A general description of the precious item or precious items received or purchased, including the type of metal or precious gem. In the case of watches, the description shall contain the name of the maker and the number of both the works and the case. In the case of jewelry, all letters and marks inscribed on the jewelry shall be included in the description.

(c) The date of the transaction.

(d) The name of the person conducting the transaction.

(e) The name, date of birth, driver's license number or state of Michigan personal identification card number, and street and house number of the customer, together with a legible imprint of the right thumb of the customer, or if that is not possible, of the left thumb or a finger of the customer. However, the thumbprint or fingerprint shall only be required on the record of transaction form retained by the dealer. The thumbprint or fingerprint shall be made available to a police agency during the course of a police investigation involving a precious item or items described on the record of transaction. After a period of 1 year from the date of the record of transaction, if a police investigation concerning a precious item or items described on the record of transaction has not occurred, the dealer and any police agency or sheriff's department holding a copy of the record of transaction shall destroy, and not keep a permanent record of, the record of transaction. A dealer who goes out of business or changes his or her business address to another local jurisdiction either within or out of this state shall transmit the records of all transactions made by the dealer within 1 year before his or her closing or moving, to the local police agency.

(f) The price to be paid by the dealer for the precious item or precious items.

(g) The form of payment made to the customer; check, money order, bank draft, or cash. If the payment is by check, money order, or bank draft, the dealer shall indicate the number of the check, money order, or bank draft.

(h) The customer's signature.

(2) The record of each transaction shall be numbered consecutively, commencing with the number 1 and the calendar year.

(3) Within 48 hours after receiving or purchasing a precious item, the dealer shall send a copy of the record of transaction form to the local police agency and, if the record of transaction form indicates that the customer resides outside the jurisdiction of the local police agency, shall send a copy of the record of transaction form to the police agency of the city, village, or township in which the customer resides as set forth on the record of transaction, or, if that city, village, or township does not have a police agency, to the sheriff's department of the county in which the customer resides as set forth on the record of transaction. The record of transaction forms received by a police agency or sheriff's department shall not be open to inspection by the general public. Each police agency or sheriff's department holding record of transaction forms shall be responsible for insuring the confidentiality of the record of transaction forms and insuring that the record of transaction forms are used only for the purpose for which they were received.

(4) The record of transaction forms of a dealer and each precious item received shall be open to an inspection by the county prosecuting attorney, the local police agency, the police agency or sheriff's department of the local governmental unit in which the customer resides, and the Michigan state police, at all times during the ordinary business hours of the dealer. As a condition of doing business, a dealer is considered to have given consent to the inspection prescribed by this subsection. The record of transaction forms of a dealer shall not be open to inspection by the general public.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each record of a transaction shall be retained by the dealer for not less than 1 year after the transaction to which the record pertains.

(6) The form of the record of transaction shall have an 8-1/2 by 11 inch size and shall be as follows:

"Record of Transaction

Dealer Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

	(Printed on the form)		(Transaction number printed on the form)
(1) Description of Property - _____		_____	
_____			
_____			
(2) _____, 19____	(3) _____		
(Date)	(Name of Dealer/Employee)		
(4) _____,	_____ 19__		
(Name of Customer)	(Date of Birth)		
_____,	_____		
(Driver's license No./ Mich. Personal ID Number)	(Street Address)		
		(City & State)	(Zip)
(5) _____	_____		
(Price Paid)	(County of Residence)		
(6) _____			
(Check no., bank draft no., money order no., or cash)			
_____			
(Name of police agency of city, village, or township in which customer resides)			
Thumbprint	_____ "		
	(Signature of Customer)		

(7) As used in this section, "customer" means the person from whom the dealer or the agent or employee of the dealer receives or purchases a precious item.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981;—Am. 1990, Act 34, Eff. May 1, 1990.

**445.485 Retaining precious item for 9 calendar days; alteration.**

Sec. 5. A precious item received by a dealer shall be retained by the dealer for 9 calendar days after it was received, without any form of alteration other than that required to make an accurate appraisal of its value.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981;—Am. 1990, Act 34, Eff. May 1, 1990.

**445.486 Prohibited conduct.**

Sec. 6. A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer shall not:

(a) Knowingly receive or purchase a precious item from any person who is less than 18 years of age or any person known by the dealer or agent or employee of the dealer to have been convicted of theft or receipt of stolen property within the preceding 5 years, whether the person is acting in his or her own behalf or as the agent of another.

(b) Knowingly receive or purchase a precious item from a person unless that person presents a valid driver's license or a valid state of Michigan personal identification card.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.487 Failure to make entry in records as misdemeanor or felony; penalty.**

Sec. 7. (1) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who knowingly fails to make an entry of any material matter in his or her records kept as required by section 4 is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who knowingly violates subsection (1) a subsequent time is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or a fine of \$5,000.00, or both.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.488 Violation of MCL 445.483(7) or (8) or 445.484(1)(e), (3), (4), or (5) as misdemeanor or felony; penalty.**

Sec. 8. (1) A dealer who knowingly violates section 3(7), 3(8), 4(1)(e), 4(3), 4(4), or 4(5) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) A dealer who violates section 3(7), 3(8), 4(1)(e), 4(3), 4(4), or 4(5) a subsequent time is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or a fine of \$5,000.00, or both.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.489 Conduct constituting felony; penalty.**

Sec. 9. A dealer or an agent or employee of a dealer who does any of the following is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or a fine of \$5,000.00, or both:

- (a) Totally fails to record a transaction on a record of transaction form as required by section 4.
- (b) Knowingly falsifies the records kept as required by section 4.
- (c) Violates section 6.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.490 Violation of MCL 445.483(1) or 445.485 as felony; penalty.**

Sec. 10. A dealer who violates section 3(1) or 5 is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or a fine of \$5,000.00, or both.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.491 Action against dealer; grounds; damages, costs, and attorneys' fees.**

Sec. 11. A person who has a precious item stolen, embezzled, or converted from him or her may bring an action for 3 times the amount of the damages, costs of suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees against any dealer who, by himself or herself or through his or her agent or employee, received or purchased the precious item knowing it was stolen, embezzled, or converted.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

**445.492 Effective date.**

Sec. 12. This act shall take effect 60 days after it is enacted into law.

**History:** 1981, Act 95, Eff. Sept. 11, 1981.

### **Marquette Police Second Hand Dealer Report:**

Michigan law, MCL 445.405, requires that all second hand dealers turn in a report to the Chief of Police by 12:00 noon on Monday of each week. This report will include the following;

1. Description of item/items purchased.
2. The time and date the item/items were purchased.
3. A description from whom it was purchased i.e. name, address, phone, and date of birth.

MCL 445.405 also requires second hand dealers to perform the following when purchasing items.

1. Retain purchased or exchanged items for 15 days before disposing of them.
2. Attaching of a tag to purchased or exchanged items with a number that corresponds to the entry number in the book required to be kept by MCL 445.404.

MCL 445.404 requires the second hand dealer to keep a book open for inspection in which the following is written:

1. Description of articles.
2. The name, address, date of birth, and phone of the person who the item was purchased from.
3. The date and time of the transaction

MCL 445.472 requires a finger print be taken from the parties which property was received. The print can be from:

1. The right thumb
2. The left thumb
3. a finger

Attached is a Form for second hand dealers to use in order to assist them in following these laws. The form/forms must be turned into the Marquette Police before 12:00noon every Monday. The forms can also be faxed to 228-0446. If the Form is followed, the only other document that will be needed is a book or ledger on hand at the store that shows the same info that is on the form with a property number that identifies the item recorded in the book and attached to the item. A copy of this form could be kept on hand to prevent writing down the information twice.

Example: When purchasing or obtaining an item, fill out the form. Assign a number and write it down on the form in space provided and then write the number on a tag and affix it to the item. Have person place finger print at the bottom of the form. Make a copy of the form and place it in a binder and send original to Marquette Police.

Any questions please call Mike Kohler at 228-0400.

Thank you

**MARQUETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SECOND HAND DEALER FORM**

Item #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Person selling/exchanging item:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ID type: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of item: (include model, make, serial number, etc.)

**Finger Print:**

**Finger Used:** \_\_\_\_\_