

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO.: 08-09**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has provided a protocol located at Florida Statute 932.701 - 932 .707, more commonly known as the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, whereby real and personal property used to facilitate felony crimes can be seized and forfeited to the use and benefit of law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Police Department uses this protocol and from time to time, comes into possession of various motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, sometimes it is in the best interest of the citizenry for the Springfield Police Department to sell these cars and use the proceeds in various other ways to perform law enforcement functions; and

WHEREAS, the governing City Commission of the City of Springfield is required to declare these vehicles as "surplus" prior to their disposition; and

WHEREAS, the process of having the vehicles declared surplus can have a potential negative effect on the most efficient use or disposition of said cars; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Springfield desires to establish an alternative process to allow for the prudent efficient and timely disposition of seized cars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Springfield does hereby authorize the Mayor/Mayor Pro-Tem, upon request from the Chief of Police in those instances where the delay of waiting for the next routine meeting of the City Commission would not be in the best interests of the City, to administratively declare seized/forfeited vehicles as surplus, and allow for the immediate sale or trade of these vehicles pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Bay County, Florida this 4th day of August, 2008.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA



Teresa Cox, City Clerk



Robert E. Walker, Mayor