VALUABLE METAL DEALER BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Bloomington
Department of Economic and Sustainable Development
401 N. Morton St.
Bloomington, Indiana 47404
812-349-3418

1. Application and License Information

This is an application for a Valuable Metal Dealer business license per Chapter 4.22 (Valuable Metal Dealers) of the Bloomington Municipal Code. No person, partnership, association or corporation shall engage or continue in business as a valuable metal dealer except as authorized by this chapter and without first obtaining a license from the City Controller. This license is good for one year from the day it is issued.

Return completed application to Jason Carnes, Assistant Director - Small Business Relations, Economic & Sustainable Development Department with any questions:
(812) 349-3419 or carnesj@bloomington.in.gov

2. Applicant Information

Name:			
Title/Position			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
E-Mail Address:			
Phone Number:		Mobile Phone:	

3. Company Information

Name of Company:					
Address of Company:					
City, State, Zip:					
Phone Number:					
Website / Email:					
Social Media Website Addresses/Handles:					
Company is a:	☐ Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)	☐ Corporation	☐ Partnership	☐ Sole Proprietor	☐ Other:

4. Company Officer Information

Provide the names and addresses of all principle officers, partners, trustees, owners or other persons with controlling interests in the company.

Name	Address

5. Leads Online:

All licensees under this chapter shall provide information for each of the following articles purchased or received to the City of Bloomington Police Department within two business days of receiving said article:

- Copper
- Catalytic converters
- Farm irrigation equipment
- Electrical wiring
- Yard/house ornaments
- Historical markers, plaques, and cemetery vases
- Telecommunication wiring
- Aluminum siding/gutters
- Transformer wiring
- Rail telecommunications equipment and wire; power and signal equipment and wires; road/rail crossing signs; switching components; railroad track; spikes, angle bars, tie plates or bolts used in the construction of railroads
- Vehicles
- Bicycles
- Any product made of metal that may readily be sold if the product is purchased or received from an individual who has entered into at least two other prior separate transactions with the valuable metal dealer involving metal that may readily be sold in the preceding thirty calendar days.

Information shall be electronically transferred, within two business days of receiving said article, via Leads Online. For any questions about using Leads Online, or about setting up a free account, please contact Leads Online toll-free at (800) 311-2656.

6. Surrender of Stolen Goods / Applicant Signature

The undersigned, agrees that in the event the applicant as licensee receives merchandise of any kind which is stolen, he/she claims no right, title or interest in and to said merchandise, and that upon request by a law enforcement official having probable cause to believe that the merchandise is stolen, he will voluntarily surrender said merchandise to the possession of that law enforcement agency when given a receipt for the same.

This Agreement shall in no way impact the undersigned's ability or right to seek restitution via the relevant Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Applicant Name (printed):	
Signature:	
Date Signed:	

For City Of Bloomington Use Only

Date Received:	Received By:	Date Approved:	Approved By:

Chapter. 4.22 Dealers in Valuable Metals

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4.22.010 – Definitions.

(a) "Valuable metal" shall be defined as set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.

(b) "Valuable metal dealer" means any person, partnership, association or corporation engaged in the business of purchasing and reselling valuable metal either at a permanently established place of business or in connection with a business of an itinerant nature, including junk shops, junk yards, junk stores, auto wreckers, scrap metal dealers or processors, salvage yards, collectors of or dealers in junk, and junk cars or trucks. The term does not include a person who purchases a vehicle and obtains title to the vehicle.

(c) "Purchase" means acquiring a valuable metal product for consideration, but does not include the following:

(1) Purchases between scrap metal processing facilities as defined by IC 8-23-1-36, as amended; or
(2) Purchases from a business or corporation provided the consideration paid to the business or corporation is made payable directly to the business or corporation and not an individual.

4.22.020 – Application for license.

(a) No person, partnership, association or corporation shall engage or continue in business as a valuable metal dealer except as authorized by this chapter and without first obtaining a license from the City Controller. Application for such license shall be in writing and shall state the full name and place of residence of the applicant, or if the applicant is a partnership, the full name and place of residence of each member thereof, or, if a corporation or association, the full name and place of residence of each officer thereof, together with the place or places where the business is conducted.

(b) All applicants shall, as a condition for the granting of a license and on a portion of the application provided by the City Controller, agree that in the event the applicant as licensee receives merchandise of any kind which is stolen, he/she claims no right, title or interest in and to said merchandise, and that upon request by a law enforcement official having probable cause to believe that the merchandise is stolen, he will voluntarily surrender said merchandise to the possession of that law enforcement agency when given a receipt for the same. Upon completion of the license application, a valuable metal dealer license shall be issued to the applicant for that calendar year. A record of such license shall be kept in the office of city controller.

4.22.030 – Penalties - Revocation of license.

(a) Any person, partnership, association, or corporation which violates any provision of this chapter, shall be subject to the following penalties:

(1) Operating as a valuable metal dealer without a license.

First offense	$240.00
Second offense within any 12-month period	$500.00
Third offense, or thereafter, within any 12-month period	$1,000

(2) Failure to provide complete reports to police department in a timely manner.

First offense	$50.00
Second offense within any 12-month period	$100.00
Third offense, or thereafter, within any 12-month period	$250.00

(b) In addition, the Controller's Office shall, after notice and hearing by the Board of Public Works, revoke, by written order, any license issued hereunder if the Board finds that:

(1) The licensee has failed to pay the annual license fee or to maintain in effect the bond or bonds required by Indiana Code 25-37.5 as amended, or to comply with any ruling or requirements lawfully made pursuant to and within the authority of this chapter; or

(2) The licensee has violated any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation lawfully made under and within the authority of this chapter; or

(3) Any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time of the original application for such license, clearly would have permitted the Controller's Office to refuse originally to issue such license.

4.22.040 – Books and records.

The licensee shall keep records of each valuable metal purchase on the form provided by the Indiana State Police as required by Indiana Code 25-37.5-1-2 as amended. Additionally, each valuable metal dealer shall make and retain a copy of the government issued photographic identification used to identify the person from whom the valuable metal was purchased. All such records shall be maintained by the licensee for two (2) years. All such records shall be made available to any law enforcement officer upon request by said officer during normal business hours.

4.22.050 – Information for police department.

(a) In addition to the records required by this chapter, all licensees under this chapter shall provide information for each of the following articles purchased or received to the City of Bloomington Police Department within two business days of receiving said article:

(1) Copper;
(2) Catalytic converters;
(3) Farm irrigation equipment;
(4) Electrical wiring;
(5) Yard/house ornaments;
(6) Historical markers, plaques, and cemetery vases;
(7) Telecommunication wiring;
(8) Aluminum siding/gutters;
(9) Transformer wiring;
(10) Rail telecommunications equipment and wire; power and signal equipment and wires; road/rail crossing signs; switching components; railroad track; spikes, angle bars, tie plates or bolts used in the construction of railroads;
(11) Vehicles;
(12) Bicycles; and
(13) Any product made of metal that may readily be sold if the product is purchased or received from an individual who has entered into at least two other prior separate transactions with the valuable metal dealer involving metal that may readily be sold in the preceding thirty calendar days.

(b) Such information shall include the name of the person who sold the product to the valuable metal dealer and a description of the articles purchased. Information shall be electronically transferred via a law enforcement website designated as an agent of the City of Bloomington Police Department for the sole purpose of collecting such records. At no time shall the City of Bloomington Police Department designate an agent which shall charge a licensee any type of fee.