

From the comparable cities researched, below is a breakdown of how the municipalities define “Article” compared to our proposed definition and exclusions.

The year in parenthesis is the approximate year the municipality started requiring online reporting.

ARTICLE MEANS ANYTHING OF VALUE

Appleton (2009) – same exclusions plus clothing

Ashwaubenon (2010) – similar exclusions

Eau Claire (2005) – no exclusions

New Richmond (2009) – no exclusions

Sheboygan (2009) – no exclusions

Wausau (2013) – no exclusions

Milwaukee (2010) - Articles of personal property meaning any and all with similar exclusions

STATE DEFINED ARTICLES (see below for list)

Madison (2012) – plus digital media, tools, firearms

Waukesha – plus coins, clothing, guns, other tangible property

West Allis (2010) – plus furniture, lawn décor and equipment, leather clothing, motors, paper money, snow removal equipment, sports equipment, tools, electronic media

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(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) “Article” means any of the following articles except jewelry:

1. Audiovisual equipment.
2. Bicycles.
3. China.
4. Computers, printers, software and computer supplies.
5. Computer toys and games.
6. Crystal.
7. Electronic equipment.
8. Fur coats and other fur clothing.
9. Ammunition and knives.
10. Microwave ovens.
11. Office equipment.
12. Pianos, organs, guitars and other musical instruments.
- 12m. Video tapes or discs, audio tapes or discs, and other optical media.
13. Silverware and flatware.
14. Small electrical appliances.
15. Telephones.