



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the sale of a police horse in the amount of \$1 to Police Officer Michael Cameron. “Buzz,” a police horse that has been in service with the Division of Police’s Mounted Unit for approximately five years, needs to be retired.

Dr. William M. Gesel, D.V.M., the Mounted Unit's veterinarian, has recommended that the horse be retired from duty as a Mounted Unit horse. “Buzz” has been treated for significant joint related problems. It has been several months since “Buzz” has been in active service, and has not had horse shoes on for a couple months. This horse is not fully capable of performing the patrol related duties required of a Police Mount, therefore, the Division of Police concurs with the recommendation of Doctor William Gesel that this horse be retired from duty as a Police Mounted Unit Horse.

It is recommended that “Buzz” be sold to Officer Michael Cameron who has agreed to adopt the horse.

Additionally, the Division of Police Legal Bureau has developed a general release document that relinquishes the City of Columbus from any liability as it relates to the post retirement care and control of “Buzz”, and assigns that liability to Officer Michael Cameron.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

A horse has been purchased to replace “Buzz.”

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officer Michael Cameron, for the sum of \$1.00, a police horse with the registered name of “Buzz” which has no further value to the Division of Police and to waive the provisions of the City Code-Sale of City-owned personal property.

**WHEREAS**, “Buzz” has been a Mounted Unit horse with the Division of Police for approximately five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mounted Unit's Veterinarian Dr. William M. Gesel, D.V.M., has recommended this horse be retired due to significant joint related problems.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to allow this horse to be purchased by Officer Michael Cameron for the sum of \$1.00, thereby waiving the provisions of the Columbus City Code as it relates to the sale of City-owned personal property; now, therefore

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized and directed to sell a police horse with the registered name of “Buzz” to Officer Michael Cameron for the sum of \$1.00.

**SECTION 2.** That the Council of the City of Columbus finds it is in the best interests of the City that City Code 329.26 - Sale of City-owned personal property, be and is hereby waived to permit the sale of this specific horse to Officer Michael Cameron.

**SECTION 3.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.