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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: On April 10, 2016 SWAT Officer Steven M. Smith #1386 was shot in the line of duty while on a barricaded felon mission on Zone 4. Later that same day, Officer Smith was retired in good standing. On April 12, 2016, Officer Smith succumbed to his injuries from the line of duty shooting.

At the time of his retirement Officer Smith was unable to purchase his firearm, as provided in Article 36, Miscellaneous Economics, Section 36.2, Purchase of Service Handgun, of the contract between the City of Columbus and Fraternal Order of Police Capital City Lodge No. 9, dated December 9, 2014 through December 8, 2017.

Officer Steven Smith's son, Jesse M. Smith #1386, was hired by the Division on December 19, 2016, and has been a sworn officer for the City of Columbus for over five years. Officer Smith is extremely interested in purchasing his father's service handgun, an FN-45, 45 Caliber, serial number FX3U037878, which was maintained by Sergeant Rich Brooks #5185, ordinance Unit. The Division no longer issues or utilizes the FN-45 in any capacity.

The Division of Police is requesting permission for Officer Jesse M. Smith #1386 to purchase his deceased father's service weapon from the Division for \$1.00, which is normally available for the officer upon retirement. Officer Jesse M. Smith #1386, who would be taking possession of the service weapon, is an active sworn officer in good standing with the Division.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to sell to Officer Jesse M. Smith #1386 for the sum of \$1.00 SWAT Officer Steven Smith's service weapon which has no further value to the Division; and to waive the provision of the City Code-Sale of City Owned Personal Property.

WHEREAS, SWAT Officer Steven M. Smith #1386 was shot in the line of duty and succumbed to his injuries on April 12th, 2016, and

WHEREAS, his son, Jesse M. Smith #1386, who is an active sworn officer in good standing, is requesting he be able to obtain his father's service weapon; and

WHEREAS, the Division is requesting the City of Columbus to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to sell the service weapon for \$1.00 as the firearm has no further value to the Division; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that City Code Chapter 329 relating to the Sale of City-owned personal property be waived; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management to authorize the Director to sell the weapon; **now, therefore:**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management is authorized to sell Officer Steven M. Smith's #1386

service weapon for \$1.00 to his son, Officer Jesse M. Smith #1386.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City that the provision of City Code Chapter 329 relating to Sale of City-Owned Personal Property be, and is hereby waived to permit the sale of this specific service weapon to Officer Jesse M. Smith #1386.

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