



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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“Cody” a police horse that has been in service with the Division of Police’s Mounted Unit since 2012 needs to be taken out of service.

“Cody” has been treated on several occasions by the Division Veterinarian, Dr. William Gesel, DVM over the last year and a half for significant joint related problems. Cody has been receiving injections to his joints and he can no longer stand the stress of a normal day on the hard pavement. He currently cannot perform the duties necessary of a police horse on the streets of the City of Columbus on a daily basis. It is in the best interest of “Cody” and the Division to take him out of service and retire him. Retiring “Cody” would keep the Division from paying the additional cost for feed and medical expenses with no guarantee that he would be street worthy.

It is recommended that “Cody” be retired and to permit his last rider Officer Sandra Silva #1537, to assume custody and care of “Cody” and purchase him from the Division of Police for the sum of \$1.00.(ORC 9.62, (C). Officer Silva #1537 has agreed to accept Cody.

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 “Cody”, and assigns that liability to Officer Sandra Silva #1537.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

At this time there are no plans to replace this donated horse.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officer Sandra Silva #1537, for the sum of \$1.00, a police horse with the registered name of “Cody” which has no further value to the Division of Police and to waive the applicable provisions of City Code 329 related to the sale of city-owned personal property.

**WHEREAS**, “Cody” has been a Mounted Unit horse with the Division of Police since 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended “Cody” be retired due to medical issues that could lead to expensive medical costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to allow this horse to be purchased by Officer Sandra Silva #1537 for the sum of \$1.00; 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 the police horse with the registered name of “Cody” to Officer Sandra Silva #1537 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 - Sale of City-owned personal property, be and is hereby waived to permit the sale of this specific horse to Officer Sandra Silva #1537.

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