



City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the sale of a police horse with the registered name of "Leo" to be retired and sold for the sum of \$1.00 to Police Officer Ronald Zaleski. Leo has been in service with the Division of Police's Mounted Unit since June of 2013. Leo is a twenty year old quarter horse that has been with the Division of Police since 2013. This horse previously served several years with the Cincinnati Division of Police Mounted Unit and was accepted as a donation when Cincinnati's Mounted Unit disbanded. Leo has served the Division and Unit well during his time here and has been one of the Division's strongest horses. He was considered to be Mayor Coleman's horse because the Mayor rode him in several parades over the years. Due to Leo's age he cannot be utilized on the street as he once was and needs to be retired.

It is recommended that Leo be sold to Officer Ronald Zaleski, #1645. Officer Ronald Zaleski has agreed to adopt Leo.

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 Leo, and assigns that liability to Officer Ronald Zaleski.

FISCAL IMPACT: At this time there are no plans to replace this donated horse. There is no impact on the General Fund due to the retirement of police horse Leo.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Officer Ronald Zaleski, for the sum of \$1.00, a police horse with the registered name of Leo which has no further value to the Division of Police and to waive the provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to sale of City-owned personal property.

WHEREAS, Leo is a 20 year old quarter horse who has has been a Mounted Unit horse since June of 2013; and

WHEREAS, due to his age he cannot be used on the streets as he once was; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to waive the provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to the sale of City-owned personal property; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of, and is in the best interest of, the City to retire Leo and allow him to be purchased by Officer Ronald Zaleski 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 a police horse with the registered name of Leo to Officer Ronald Zaleski for the sum of \$1.00.

Section 2. That this Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code relating to the sale of City-Owned Personal Property to permit the aforementioned sale to Officer Ronald Zaleski.

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