



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** Due to age and health issues Canine Camile has declined in her ability to continue as police service dog and should be retired. Canine Camile has served the Division of Police well since 2008. The Division of Police is requesting that "Camile" be sold to his current handler Police Officer William Dorsey, who is willing to provide "Camile" with a home as a pet. 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 canine "Camile", and assigns that liability to Police Officer Dorsey. Upon approval of this recommendation, the legal form with one dollar will be submitted.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the sale of a police dog for one dollar to Police Officer Dorsey. Funds have previously been approved for purchase of a replacement dog.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to sell to Police Officer Dorsey for the sum of \$1.00, a police canine with the registered name of "Camile", which has no further value to the Division of Police; and to waive provisions of the City Code-Sale of City Owned Personal Property (\$1.00).

**WHEREAS,** canine "Camile" must be retired from active police service due to age and health issues; and

**WHEREAS,** no City of Columbus Government Agency except Police and Fire Divisions use canines; and

**WHEREAS,** this Council finds it to be in the best interest to waive the provisions of City Code Chapter 329 regarding Sale of City-Owned Property; and

**WHEREAS,** because canine "Camile" has been trained in police tactics, it would be in the City's best interest to provide the dogs good homes during retirement; and

**WHEREAS,** Police Officer Dorsey, "Camile's" handler prior to his retirement, is able and willing to provide accommodations for this canine at his personal residence and expense, and

**WHEREAS,** a general release document that relinquishes the City of Columbus from any liability as it relates to the post retirement care and control of canine "Camile" and assigns that liability to Police Officer Dorsey will be submitted upon approval of this request; and

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management to authorize the Director to sell police canine "Camile" to Police Officer Dorsey 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 be and is hereby authorized and directed to sell a police canine with the registered name of "Camile" to Police Officer Dorsey for the sum of \$1.00.

**SECTION 2.** That the Council of the City of Columbus finds it to be in the best interests to waive the provisions of City Code Chapter 329 regarding Sale of City-Owned Personal Property to permit the sale of this specific police canine to

Police Officer Dorsey.

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