



Legislation Text

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“Danny” is a police horse that has been in service with the Division of Police’s Mounted Unit for almost 15 years and needs to be retired.

Dr. William M. Gesel, D.V.M., the Mounted Unit's veterinarian, has recommended that Danny be retired from duty as a Mounted Unit horse. Danny has been treated for significant joint related problems. Danny is not fully capable of performing the patrol related duties required of a Police Mount. The Division of Police concurs with the recommendation of Doctor William Gesel that Danny be retired from duty as a Police Mounted Unit Horse.

It is recommended that Danny be sold to Officer James Gravett who is Danny’s last rider.

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 “Danny”, and assigns that liability to Officer James Gravett.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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

WHEREAS, “Danny” has been a Mounted Unit horse with the Division of Police for almost fifteen 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 James Gravett 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 “Danny” to Officer James Gravett 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 James Gravett.

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