

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$10,576, to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program.

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma for the purpose of ending veteran suicide; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors' Station Dog Program provides service dogs to law enforcement and first responder agencies; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors has generously agreed to donate a service dog, vest, leash, treat pouch, waste bags, identification patches, one-year supply of preventative medications, toys, crate, and pre- and post-placement training to the Cincinnati Fire Department ("CFD") for use in CFD's Peer Support Program; and

WHEREAS, CFD's Peer Support Program provides firefighters with support dealing with work-related stress and trauma, and the therapy dog will be available primarily at fire houses and occasionally at the scene of an incident; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this in-kind donation requires no matching funds, and no FTEs/full time equivalents are associated with acceptance of this in-kind donation; and

WHEREAS, the use of therapy dogs in CFD's Peer Support Program is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[d]ecrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases" as described on pages 181 and 187-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept an in-kind donation of a therapy dog, related equipment and supplies, and training services from K9s for Warriors, valued at up to \$10,576, to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department's Peer Support Program.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

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

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk