

EMERGENCY

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- 2024

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 \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department's Peer Support Team.

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors' Station Dog Program provides therapy dogs to law enforcement and first responder agencies to help ease the emotional stress and trauma that is common in public safety service; and

WHEREAS, K9s for Warriors has generously agreed to donate a therapy dog, vest, leash, identification patch, equipment bags, crate, other miscellaneous items, transportation, and placement training to the Cincinnati Police Department ("CPD") for use by the CPD Peer Support Team; and

WHEREAS, CPD's Peer Support Team provides confidential support to assist with trauma and stress, and the therapy dog will be available at the Wellness Unit, the police districts, and all other CPD facilities as needed; 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, acceptance of this donation 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 \$8,093, to be used by the Cincinnati Police Department's Peer Support Team.

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

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donated therapy dog, as it is currently in foster care awaiting acceptance.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk