

April 10, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Police: Acceptance of In-Kind Donation of Therapy Dog from K9s for Warriors

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

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.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes 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.

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. 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.

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

This in-kind donation does not require matching funds or additional FTEs/full time equivalents.

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).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donated therapy dog, as it is currently in foster care awaiting acceptance.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Directors
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment