

November 15, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202302397

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Police: Acceptance of In-Kind Donation of Canines from The Matt Haverkamp Foundation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of four canines, each valued at \$9,000, from The Matt Haverkamp Foundation for use by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Canine Squad.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of four canines, each valued at \$9,000, from the Matt Haverkamp Foundation for use by the Cincinnati Police Department’s Canine Squad.

The Matt Haverkamp Foundation is a non-profit organization established in honor of Matt Haverkamp, a K9 officer from the Greater Cincinnati Area, who in 2005 was killed in an automobile accident. The Matt Haverkamp Foundation has generously agreed to donate four canines to the Cincinnati Police Department’s (CPD) Canine Squad.

CPD uses specially trained dogs to find criminals, search buildings, and detect weapons, explosives, and drugs. These four canines will support CPD’s mission and expand the Canine Squad’s capacity. Of these four canines, one will replace a retiring canine, and three new additional handlers have been selected to handle the other canines.

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

Acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[c]reate a more livable community” as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donated canines and place them into service.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment