

November 8, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

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**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

**Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Fire Department: Therapy Dog In-Kind Donation**

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Attached is an 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 \$10,576, to be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department’s Peer Support Program.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize 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 (CFD) Peer Support Program.

K9s for Warriors is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained service dogs to military veterans and its Station Dog Program provides service dogs to law enforcement and first responder agencies. K9s for Warriors has agreed to donate a service dog, vest, leash, treat pouch, waste bags, identification patches, a one-year supply of preventative medications, toys, a crate, and training services.

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

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the acceptance of this in-kind donation.

The use of therapy dogs in the Peer Support Program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and the strategy to “[d]ecrease mortality and chronic and acute diseases” as described on pages 187-188 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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



Attachment