

December 3, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202502035

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

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

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of six canines, each valued at up to \$10,000, 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 six canines, each valued at up to \$10,000, 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 six 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 six canines will support CPD's mission and the Canine Squad's capacity by replacing retiring 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 156-162 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 Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

