

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE waiving the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the transfer of ownership of the Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit dog, Diogi, to dog handler and companion Sergeant Eli Postlethwait.

ORDINANCE NO. 5323, April 6, 2020

INTRODUCED BY Ronald E. Finley, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, requires a reimbursement to the County of its acquisition cost when a Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit dog is retired or relieved from duty due to age or injury, to allow for the dog's handler to take ownership of the dog; and,

WHEREAS, K-9 unit member Diogi was acquired by the Sheriff's Office in June 2015 at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, a K-9 unit dog typically has a "working career" that lasts until eight to nine years of age and Diogi is 7 ½ years old; and,

WHEREAS, Diogi is at the end of his duty life and it would not be cost effective to assign the dog to another handler for familiarization and retraining; and,

WHEREAS, according to Von Henger Kennels, LLC, Diogi is now valued at \$1.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the waiver of the reimbursement requirement of

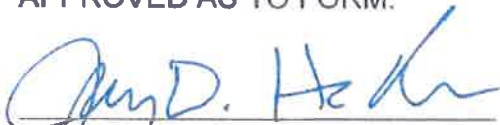
section 1139. to allow Sergeant Postlethwait to care for a valued canine member after retirement; and,


WHEREAS, retiring Diogi is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson County now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the transfer of ownership of Diogi, to dog handler and companion Sergeant Eli Postlethwait, be and hereby is waived.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5323 introduced on April 6, 2020, was duly passed on April 6, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1


The Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

4-6-2020
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5323.

4/7/2020
Date


Frank White Jr., County Executive