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Request for Legislative Action

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DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

TITLE: Waiving the reimbursement of acquisition cost required by Section 1139 of Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code relating to the transfer of ownership of the Sheriff's Office K-9 dog, Racker, to canine handler and companion Deputy Brad Norton.

SUMMARY: Section 1139 Disposition of Sheriff's Canine Unit Dogs of Chapter 11 of the Jackson County Code requires a reimbursement to the County of its acquisition cost when a Sheriff's Office K-9 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. K-9 Racker was acquired by the Sheriff's Office in August 2017 at a cost of approximately \$12,500. K-9 Racker is now 8 years old and was diagnosed with a type of intervertebral disc disease in April 2024 as detailed in the attached letter from Dr. Skyler P. West, DVM, MSc. Dr. West recommends that K-9 Racker be retired from service because of the current prognosis. K-9 Racker has no resale or market value due to the canine's age and injury sustained as stated in the attached letter from Von Henger Kennels, LLC. It is in the best interest of Jackson County to recognize his years of service to the community and allow Racker to retire. The Sheriff

recommends the waiver of the reimbursement requirement of Section 1139 to allow Deputy Norton to care for a valued canine member after retirement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES

ACTION NEEDED: AUTHORIZE

ATTACHMENTS:

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