

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, Spy, to dog handler and companion Deputy Jessica Davidson.

ORDINANCE NO. 6062, February 2, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Venessa Huskey, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1139., Jackson County Code, 1984, requires a reimbursement to the County of its acquisition cost when a Sheriff's Office 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 Spy was acquired by the Sheriff's Office in 2018 at a cost of approximately \$12,500.00; and,

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

WHEREAS, Spy 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, Spy has no resale or market value given the canine's age; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the waiver of the reimbursement requirement of section 1139. to allow Deputy Davidson to care for a valued canine member after retirement; and,

WHEREAS, retiring Spy 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 Spy, to dog handler and companion Deputy Jessica Davidson, be and hereby is waived.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney Miller

Whitney Miller (Jan 29, 2026 15:32:48 CST)

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 6062 introduced on February 2, 2026, was duly passed on February 23, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 3

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

2.23.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 6062.

2-25-2026
Date

Phil LeVota
Phil LeVota, County Executive