

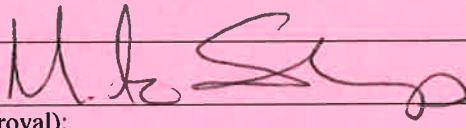

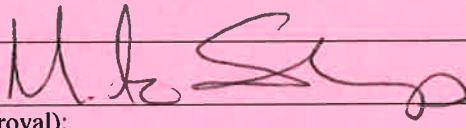

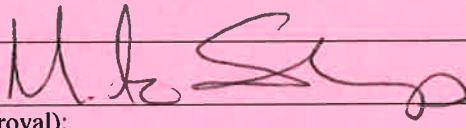

# REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 18683

Sponsor(s): Crystal Williams

Date: December 8, 2014

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<p>Action Requested  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution  <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance                  Project/Title: Request Waiver of Ordinance #1139                  The Jackson County Sheriff's Office requests the Jackson County Legislature waive Ordinance #1139.0 in order to transfer ownership of "Blitz", a Sheriff's Office K-9, to his handler, recently resigned Deputy John Beggs. There was no cost to acquire the dog as it was fully donated free of charge.</p>																			
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<b>PRIOR LEGISLATION</b>	Prior ordinances and (date): None Prior resolutions and (date): None																			
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	RLA drafted by (name, title, & phone): Mike Montgomery, Captain, 816-524-4302 Ext. 72260																			
<b>REQUEST SUMMARY</b>	In November of 2014, Deputy John Beggs resigned from the Sheriff's Office. He was the K-9 handler for Blitz, an 8 1/2 year old sheriff's office K-9. Blitz is at the end of his own career, and it would not be cost effective to assign Blitz to another handler and retrain both.  It is in the best interest to allow Blitz to retire, recognizing his years of service with Jackson County, MO, and allow Deputy John Beggs to retain him. We are requesting a waiver of Ordinance #1139.0 to do so.																			
<b>CLEARANCE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)																			
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Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund in \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # \_\_\_\_\_
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.



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County Executive Mike Sanders  
Jackson County, MO County Executive  
415 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

November 20, 2014

Dear Mr. Sanders,

In 2009, Blitz, a 2 ½ year AKC registered German Shepherd was fully donated to the Sheriff's Office by the Heart of America Kennel Club for use as a K-9 officer. Blitz was initially assigned to Deputy Jeremy Glines from May of 2009 until September of 2012 when he was reassigned to Deputy John Beggs.

Now, at 8 ½ years old, Blitz' handler, Deputy John Beggs, resigned from the Sheriff's Office. In addition, since Blitz is very close to retirement himself as law enforcement K-9s typically have a 'working career' of approximately 8-9 years of age. Therefore, it would not be cost effective to assign Blitz to another handler and retrain both the dog and new handler.

Chapter 11 section 1139 of the Jackson County Code states:

**Disposition of Sheriff's Canine Unit Dogs**

When the county acquires a dog for use by the Sheriff's Department's canine unit, the county's acquisition cost shall be documented. Thereafter the deputy sheriff assigned as the dog's handler may take ownership of the dog upon reimbursement to the county of its acquisition cost when:

- a) the dog is retired or relieved from duty due to age or injury; or
- b) the handler retires or is transferred or promoted out of the canine unit and the sheriff has determined that retraining the dog for another handler would not be cost effective.

(Ord. 2192, Eff. 4/8/93)

Taking all of this into consideration, I believe it is in the interest of Jackson County and Blitz, to allow Deputy John Beggs to retain Blitz. Since there were no acquisition costs associated with Blitz, allowing this asset to be transferred would be at no cost to the county as well.

Respectfully,

  
Mike Sharp, Sheriff

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## K-9 Unit Welcomes New 'Deputy'

JUNE 22, 2009 -- Jackson County Deputy Jeremy Glines has a new partner. His full name is quite a mouthful: Blitz Von Der Furcht Innen. Fortunately, you need not call him "Deputy Von Der Furcht Innen." Just "Blitz," will do.

Blitz, a 70-pound German Shepherd, formally joined the Jackson County Sheriff's K-9 Unit May 27, when Sheriff Mike Sharp accepted the dog from the Heart of America Kennel Club during a meeting at The Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center in Overland Park, Kansas. Blitz, at 2 years old, is young enough to have about a six to eight-year career with the Sheriff's Office ahead of him. Gline and Blitz actually started working together some time ago, having passed their official certification testing May 18.

"Deputy Glines and his new partner, Blitz, have already recovered over 40 pounds of narcotics in their short time as a team," Sheriff Sharp pointed out May 27.

**Dual-Propose Dog**

A fully trained police dog can cost around \$10,000, and Blitz is a dual-purpose dog, trained in both narcotics detection and patrol support. With the Sheriff's Office being no exception to Jackson County government's tight budgets, Sheriff Sharp was extremely grateful for the Kennel Club's donation of Blitz, saying, "This is incredibly generous. I really can't say thank you too many times."

The Kennel Club used funds raised through its annual dog shows to purchase Blitz. The Club's call to the Sheriff's Office couldn't have come at a better time.

"Blitz is joining our force just as the one dog in our K-9 Unit was retiring," Sharp said. (The Sheriff is exploring potential funding sources for a second police dog.)

**Up To The Task**

Blitz has big paw prints to fill. Glines' former partner, Aapie Von Austerberg, a female German Shepherd specializing as an explosive patrol dog, is now retired. Aapie, a 9½-



Deputy Jeremy Glines and his new partner, Blitz.



**Sex Offender Registry**

year-old, served the Jackson County Sheriff's Office with distinction for more than six years.

Glines is confident his new partner is up to the task.

"Blitz loves to work," Glines said. "Whenever I walk by his cage, he starts spinning in circles. He wants to get out and be on the job."

Glines and Blitz work four 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. shifts a week. They're on call to serve any agency in Jackson County that might need their services.

When off-duty, Blitz lives at Glines' house in an outdoor kennel. As for Glines' old four-legged partner, Aapie, the Jackson County Deputy still gets to spend plenty of time with her. She has retired to a life of leisure inside the Glines' home.

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