

ORDINANCE NO. 96-2020 (PSH)

By Council Member Ungar

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of K-9 Officer Jax to his handler for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00); and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Jax is a K-9 officer serving the Cleveland Heights Police Department since early 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jax was trained by and has remained with his handler since joining the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Jax has a host of medical issues and significant expenses; and

WHEREAS, Jax has not worked in months and his return is uncertain; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to retire Jax; and

WHEREAS, the working life of a K-9 officer generally ranges from five to seven years; and

WHEREAS, a K-9 officer older than three years typically cannot be re-trained or otherwise bond with a new handler; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above facts, Jax is no longer needed for municipal purposes and thus may be sold as “personal property” of the City pursuant to Chapter 110; and

WHEREAS, in Ohio and throughout the country, it is the general policy and practice that a K-9 officer who has worked for over five years be sold to his or her handler for One Dollar (\$1.00); and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

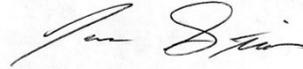
SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 110.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, to execute an agreement to sell K-9 Officer Jax to his handler Officer Tom Harris for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00). Said agreement shall include a waiver and release and shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

SECTION 2. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the

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inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for Jax to continue to have a home with his handler without interruption. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



JASON S. STEIN, Mayor
President of the Council



AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED: September 8, 2020