



TRANSFER OF POLICE SERVICE DOG

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Background and Findings

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- K-9 Handler Scott Gillman was recently transferred to a different shift as a Patrol Officer. It is no longer feasible for him to remain as a K-9 handler.

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- Police Service Dog (PSD) Jaxx has approximately 18 months of service life left. Due to the high cost in training and the time commitment required, it would not be practical or cost effective to train a new handler and for them to go through the transition process, just to retire PSD Jaxx a few months later.

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- Texas Government Code 614, Subchapter L allows the City to enter into a contract with a person to transfer a Police Service Dog that has been determined by the Chief of Police to be suitable for transfer.

Request to Transfer Jaxx to Officer Gillman

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- Officer Gillman requested that Jaxx be transferred to him.
- As required by law, City Legal has prepared an agreement for transfer document to allow for the transfer of ownership.

Fiscal Impact

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- ❑ Per the Killeen Police Department policies, the Department shall be responsible for the food and medical care of Jaxx for the remainder of his life.
- ❑ These funds are allocated in the FY 21 budget and there is no additional fiscal impact for this transfer. Enough funds will be allocated in future budgets to cover this expected expense.

Alternatives

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- ❑ To keep PSD Jaxx in service for the remainder of his service life and then allow transfer.
- ❑ To enter into an agreement to transfer ownership of PSD Jaxx to Officer Gillman.

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends that the City Council authorize Mr. Cagle, the authorization to sign the authorization of transfer ownership to PSD Jaxx to Officer Gillman