



**CITY OF HAMMOND
ORDINANCE No.**

An Ordinance To Establish Procedures Related to Retired Service Animals

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond Police department utilizes canine animals for service within the department; and

WHEREAS, an animal may be retired from service due to age, physical condition or when the animal is no longer needed for department service; and

WHEREAS, the costs of continued care of a retired service animal creates a negative economic value for the City; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana recently enacted La. R. S. 33:4712(H) which states: The governing authority of a municipality may, by ordinance, establish any procedure it deems appropriate for the private sale of a police dog that is no longer needed for police work to a police officer who trained or worked with the dog in exchange for consideration proportionate to the value of the dog.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hammond, Louisiana that the following procedure be adopted for retired service animals:

1. Upon retirement of a service animal, a handler or trainer who has previously cared for the animal shall be provided with the first opportunity to acquire the retired animal in exchange for consideration proportionate to the value of the animal.
2. If the handler or trainer does not want to acquire the retired service animal, the animal shall be offered for sale to the public to the highest bidder by private sale after advertisement for not less than ten (10) days in the official journal, with a minimum bid of the reasonable value of the animal.
3. If the procedures above do not result in a sale, the department shall consult with a licensed veterinarian for the further donation or other disposition of the animal and the department is authorized to proceed with donation or disposition as advised by the licensed veterinarian.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on _____, **2023** of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on _____, **2023**; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by Councilman _____ and Second by Councilman _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____, **2023** by the following roll call vote:

Votes: Councilman (), Councilman (), Councilman (), Councilwoman (), Councilman ().

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on the _____ day of _____, **2023**, at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Kip Andrews
President, Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond

Clerk
Hammond City Council