



Agenda Item

City Council

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Adam Jevenc, Chief of Police

1. SUBJECT

Agreement with Officer Michael Osborn for the transfer of ownership of police service dog, Wyatt, assigned to the Police Department's Canine Team.

2. SUMMARY

Transfer of ownership of police canine Wyatt to canine handler Officer Michael Osborn. Canine Wyatt's last day of service was on July 12, 2025.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the agreement with Michael Osborn to transfer ownership of canine Wyatt; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Maintain Strong Emergency and Safety Services

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Canine Wyatt has served with the Orange Police Department since 2018. Over the past seven years, canine Wyatt has participated in numerous operations, including narcotics detection, patrol support, suspect apprehension, and public demonstrations.

The canine has been handled exclusively by Officer Michael Osborn, who has built a strong bond with canine Wyatt through daily care, training, and deployment. Canine Wyatt has reached the end of his career due to age and is being formally retired from duty.

It is customary and in the best interest of canine Wyatt and the department to allow the long-time handler to assume ownership upon retirement. The continued companionship provides the dog with stability and comfort while allowing the handler to ensure its proper care in retirement. The transfer will be at no cost to the City, with Officer Michael Osborn assuming full responsibility for future veterinary care and daily needs. The dog will be removed from all departmental liability and will no longer be used in any official law enforcement capacity.

The transfer of ownership agreement with Officer Michael Osborn requires him to indemnify and defend the city for any injuries or property damage arising out of the conduct of Wyatt. Should Officer

Osborn not be able to provide reasonable care for Wyatt, he agrees to have Wyatt humanely euthanized.

The Police Department supports the transfer of ownership of canine Wyatt to handler Officer Michael Osborn, recognizing their dedicated service and the importance of continuity and compassion in the dog's retirement.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Agreement with Michael Osborn