



**CITY OF KING
Resolution 2026-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF RETIRED K-9
“BESTLA”**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King finds that Police K-9 “Bestla” can no longer perform the duties required of a police K-9 and has received a recommendation from her veterinarian that she be retired; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 17F-21 authorizes the City of King to transfer any service animal that is no longer fit or needed for public service at a price determined by the City of King and upon any other terms and conditions as the City of King deems appropriate to an authorized individual if that individual agrees to accept ownership, care, and custody of the service animal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 17F-21 Sgt. Thomas Batterton is an individual to whom ownership of Bestla may be transferred and who has agreed to purchase retired K-9 “Bestla” from the City of King for \$1.00 and, upon accepting custody, will assume all liability and responsibility for her care for the remainder of her life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of King authorizes the disposition and sale of retired K-9 “Bestla” to Sgt. Thomas Batterton for the amount of \$1.00, effective August 3, 2026.

Adopted this 3rd day of August 2026.

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Richard E. McCraw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicole Branshaw, City Clerk

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR DISPOSITION OF RETIRED POLICE K-9
"BESTLA"**

The party named below, together with the party's family members, employees, agents, or authorized representatives, agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City of King, the King Police Department, and their officers, agents, and employees from and against all suits, actions, claims, damages, losses, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, litigation costs, and judgments of every name and description brought against the City of King or the King Police Department arising from or related to the voluntary acceptance of ownership of the retired police K-9 named "Bestla."

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 17F-21 the King City Council authorized the transfer of ownership and sale of K-9 "Bestla" to the party named below at a regular open session on August 3, 2026. The party named below will become the owner of K-9 "Bestla" upon accepting custody of the dog and agrees to provide proper care for her for the remainder of her life. By signing below, the purchaser assumes all liability and responsibility for the dog effective upon the date of signing.

This ____ day of _____, 2026. Purchaser acknowledges that ownership, custody, care, and responsibility for K-9 "Bestla" transfer upon execution of this agreement.

Party Signature (Purchaser): _____
Thomas Batterton

Witness: _____

City of King Representative: _____
Jordan Boyette, Police Chief