

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY FURTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, THE POLICE DOG “DARKO”, TO SGT. CHRISTOPHER DANIEL FREELAND FOR THE OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FUTURE COSTS AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THAT MOVEABLE PROPERTY, ALL PURSUANT TO R.S. 33:4712H; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, R.S. 33:4712H, adopted by Acts 2021, No. 149, provides 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, owns certain movable property, the canine known as “Darko” which is no longer able to be utilized because of his age (9 years old) and physical infirmities (hip and joint issues, among others); and

WHEREAS, while the canine “Darko” is no longer able to serve the West Monroe Police Department, he has provided many years of service and should be retired to enjoy the rest of his years as a family dog and pet; and

WHEREAS, the fair market cash value of the canine Darko is negligible, especially when his future potential medical expenses and care are considered, and Sgt. Christopher Daniel Freeland, who has been his handler for the years he has been owned by the City, is the appropriate person to provide that care to the canine “Darko” for the remainder of Darko’s lifetime. Additionally, transferring the canine Darko, an attack trained police dog, to a trained and experienced person who is already well familiar with that canine, is a wise and necessary step to insure the proper handling and use of Darko in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that pursuant to R.S. 33:4712H, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana is hereby authorized to transfer certain movable property, that canine known as “Darko”, which is no longer needed for any public purpose by the City of West Monroe,

Louisiana to Sgt. Christopher Daniel Freeland for and in cause and consideration of Sgt. Christopher Daniel Freeland assuming all obligation and responsibility for all future liability, costs and expenses which in any way arise from or relating to that certain moveable property, the canine “Darko”, which transfer shall be “as is” and without warranty of any type or nature, and with any further transfer of the canine “Darko” to be only with the prior express written consent of the City and in its sole discretion, except that Sgt. Christopher Daniel Freeland may gratuitously transfer “Darko” to any qualified training or certification agency or to any law enforcement agency without prior express written consent of the City.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to execute a Bill of Sale on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, reflecting the terms and provisions set forth above, and to take any other action or execute any and all other documents deemed by her either necessary or appropriate in order to transfer the canine “Darko” as set forth above.

SECTION 3. The above ordinance was introduced on December 19, 2023, in regular and legal session convened; notice of this ordinance was published three times in fifteen (15) days, one week apart, as required by R.S. 33:4712; no opposition being filed, it is considered by sections, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted in legal session convened this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT VOTING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2024

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CINDY EMORY, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR  
CITY OF WEST MONROE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA