

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 30-23**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 39-22 FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOMB & GUN DETECTION CANINE FOR THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduced by: Councilmember Paula Noble

WHEREAS, for calendar year 2022 the United States Police Canine Association, Inc. ("USPCA") and the American Kennel Club ("AKC") funded a matching grant program to help law enforcement agencies purchase specialized canines; and

WHEREAS, the grant program known as "AKC Reunite" has determined that the Forest Heights Police Department and community would benefit significantly from having an explosives and gun detection canine; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Heights Police Department confiscated thirty-nine (39) illegal firearms in 2022 within the Town's limits a 44% increase over the 2021 total of (27); and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2022, the Town Council passed Resolution 39-22 to utilize the grant funding for Ventosa Kennel, Inc. located in Scotland Neck, North Carolina at a significantly discounted cost of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500); and

WHEREAS, then Captain Marcus Jones applied, and the Forest Heights Police Department was awarded a grant from "USPCA" and "AKC" under the "AKC Reunite" program for \$7,500 towards the Forest Heights Police Department's canine program; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Heights Police Department wishes to amend Resolution 39-22 and remove the use of vendor Ventosa Kennel, Inc. located in Scotland Neck, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Heights Police Department Canine Unit has certified to the Chief of Police that Sound Canine Services located in Marbury, Maryland can furnish a quality police canine, which has been vetted thoroughly by the Charles County Sheriff's Office for use at a cost of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500); and

WHEREAS, the Forest Heights Police Department Canine Unit desires to now utilize K2 Solutions for the advance multi-purpose canine handlers' course in Jackson Springs, North Carolina at a cost of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) in addition to lodging at a cost of one thousand nine hundred eighty four dollars and fifty cents (\$1,984.50); and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby ratifies the authorization and allowance of the acceptance of a Law Enforcement Canine Program Grant from the United States Police Canine Association & The American Kennel Club for the Forest Heights Police Department ("FHPD") in the amount of \$7,500.00 for FY2023.

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, on behalf of the Town, is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the United States Police Canine Association and American Kennel Club for a Police explosives and gun detection canine for the Town of Forest Heights Police Department and execute any related documents.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall hereby amend Resolution 39-22, approved by the Town Council on June 6, 2022, and shall supersede all prior resolutions for this purpose.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage,

PASSED this 6 day of February 2023.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

WASHINGTON

Yea

LILLY

Yea

BARNES

Absent

HINES

Yea

KENNEDY II

Yea

NOBLE

Yea

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Sherletta Hawkins
Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By: Calvin L. Washington, Sr.
Calvin L. Washington, Sr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 6 of February 2023 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay vote, the aforesaid Resolution 30 - 23 passed.

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

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