



## Legislation Text

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### **Title:**

**Retire Canine Officer Vela - Sheriff's Office**

### **Summary**

#### **ACTION:**

**Retire and approve the donation of a retired Canine Officer to a Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff**

**Staff Contact:** Rachel Vanhoy, Sheriff's Office

**Presentation:** No

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

This action will allow the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to retire and transfer ownership of Canine Officer Vela to an MCSO Deputy. Canine Officer Vela, acquired in 2009, has performed her duties faithfully and diligently and has reached the age and physical condition for retirement. The Canine Officer was specifically trained in certain law enforcement procedures and may behave unpredictably and perhaps in an aggressive manner as a result of such training. Therefore, the Canine Officer presents a risk to public health and safety if presented for sale to or adoption by the general public, who are unfamiliar with the specialized training the Canine Officer received. Such risk to public health and safety is not present when the Canine Officer is transferred to the care and keeping of an MCSO Deputy. This allows each Canine Officer to retire to a familiar environment in the care of an MCSO Officer very familiar with their training, and permits an ownership transfer of the Canine Office that does not endanger public health and safety.

#### **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

N/A

#### **POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A