



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS

**ECAF:** 2021-0382

**Proposal:** Motion 21-216

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo

**Date:** June 10, 2021

### **Consideration:**

The Sheriff's office is requesting Council's consideration of an agreement transferring retired K-9 Jack to a Sheriff's Office employee for the remainder of his life.

### **Background**

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has trained police canines that are used to assist them in their work. When these K-9's reach the end of their useful life as a police K-9 they are retired and sometimes adopted. Police K-9's go through special training and upon retirement require care by someone who knows how to appropriately handle the K-9.

Jack has reached his useful time as a police K-9, retired from service, and a Snohomish County Sheriff's Office employee would like to adopt Jack for the remainder of his life. Sheriff Office K-9's are considered personal property of the County and County Code does not provide direction on the sale or transfer of a K-9 or the transfer of personal property to a County employee.<sup>1</sup> Because of this a contract, or agreement, is used for the transfer of the dog and must be approved by Council.

The agreement outlines the risk that comes with adopting a trained police canine and states that the 'Buyer' is aware of the risk and assumes liability for anything that happens in relation to Jack from the date of his transfer and thereafter. The agreement also specifically states that the 'Buyer' waives any claims of liability against the County should they arise out of owning Jack. While the agreement states that the transfer of ownership will take place on June 23, 2021, the transfer is being delayed until approval of this Motion by Council.

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Motion 21-216 approves the release and indemnity agreement and the associated transfer for Sheriff's Office K-9 Jack

*Duration:* Transfer is set in the agreement for June 23, 2021

*Fiscal Implications:* None. There is no revenue from this transfer as the K-9 is a trained police dog, requiring special handling.

**2021 Budget:** N/A

**Future Budget Impacts:** N/A

**Handling:** Normal

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

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<sup>1</sup>[SCC 4.46.141\(8\)](#) – Personal Property – Disposition of Surplus Property

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis:** Consistent with code and prior actions

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Move to GLS on June 23, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.