



Committee of the Whole

Nicole Gorle

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2025-3559

Motion: 25-527

Type:

☒ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☐ Other

Requested Handling:

☒ Normal

☐ Expedite

☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Subject: Terms and conditions for the transfer of Police K9 Doc

Scope: This agreement establishes the terms and conditions for K9 Doc's transfer to Deputy Joshua Holmes. Under the agreement, K9 Doc will be transferred and delivered to Deputy Holmes on July 28, 2025. The agreement stipulates that:

- Deputy Holmes will assume all risk and waive any claims of liability against Snohomish County in relation to K9 Doc, for situations arising on or after July 28, 2025.
- The agreement does not indemnify Snohomish County against liability for damages caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct, or indemnify the County against liability relating to K9 Doc prior to July 28, 2025.
- Deputy Holmes acknowledges that there is no warranty with K9 Doc and that K9 Doc is transferred in an "as is" condition.

Duration: n/a

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

Authority Granted: Authorizes the Executive to execute the agreement.

Background: The Sheriff's Office uses K9's as part of their operations. K9's are considered personal property of the County. When a K9 has reached the end of its useful time in service they are released, typically to their existing handlers, at no cost with conditions that the handler assumes all liability after they assume ownership. Because County Code does not outline a process for the sale or transfer of personal property, liability agreements have been used historically for the transfer of Sheriff K9's (most often when the K9 is being retired from service).

Requested Action: For Council to consider taking action.