

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SALVAGE OR DISCARD VILLAGE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO R.C. 721.15(C) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Village of DeGraff, Ohio (the "Village") currently utilizes the services of a canine to assist in the operations of the Village Police Department, with said canine being in the care of the Village Police Chief;

WHEREAS, Terry Brentlinger, Village Police Chief, has left employment of the Village effective May 15, 2025;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brentlinger is and was the sole handler for the canine;

WHEREAS, the Village does not have a replacement canine officer to take over duties and/or retrain with the canine;

WHEREAS, due to the fact that the Village has no replacement canine officer, but has not disbanded the canine unit of the Village Police Department, the Village has determined that the cost of maintaining a canine for the Village Police Department exceeds the benefit of maintaining a canine for the Village Police Department;

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the property associated with the canine unit, specifically the canine and related tactical vest, is not needed for public use, is obsolete and unfit for the cause for which it was acquired, and otherwise has no value in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(C);

WHEREAS, the Village, while appreciative of the services provided by the canine believes the Village would be better served without the use of a canine, and, as such, seeks to provide the Mayor to discard or salvage said property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Council of the Village of DeGraff, Ohio does hereby authorize the Mayor to discard or salvage the Village canine and related tactical vest in accordance with R.C. 721.15(C).

SECTION III: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of said City, provide for its continuous uninterrupted services, and to allow for the efficient disposal of village property; and it shall,

therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

PASSED: May 20th, 2025

John Kean

President of Council

APPROVED: May 20th, 2025

Stephen J. Osborne

Mayor

ATTEST: May 20th, 2025

Kaitlyn M. Bailey

Fiscal Officer

I, Kaitlyn M. Bailey Clerk of the Village of DeGraff, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2025-22 Passed by Council of said Village on the 20th day of May, 2025.

Kaitlyn M. Bailey

Fiscal Officer