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TO: Government Operations Committee

FR: Mark Hathaway

RE: Police Canine Retirement and Replacement Request

DT: October 14, 2014

The police department is seeking permission to retire an active, but poorly performing, patrol canine and begin the process of replacement.

Canine Havoc, a department owned canine for the past five years, has proven to be a challenge to control, train or utilize in a law enforcement environment. Over the past several months we have conducted a series of training and performance tests to include the assistance and advice of outside experts and dog trainers. The results indicate that Havoc is a good canine but simply not suited for demanding training requirements or the constant use expected of a police canine. A recent examination by a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT) resulted in a finding that Havoc is unable to retain the training necessary to be an effective police canine.

We are requesting to retire Havoc and transfer ownership, responsibility and liability to his current handler, Officer Kim Donnell. A plan to replace Havoc will be presented to the Finance Committee during the month of November.

Item No. _____

Date: September 26, 2014

Item/Subject: Order – Authorizing the City Manager to transfer ownership, responsibility and liability of Canine Havoc to Officer Kim Donnell

Responsible Department: Police

Commentary:

The police department is retiring Canine Havoc from active duty due to persistent issues associated with performance and training concerns. Canine Havoc has been an active patrol canine for the past five years. The police department is seeking permission to retire Havoc from active duty and transfer ownership, responsibility and liability to his current handler, Officer Kim Donnell.

Mark Hathaway

Manager's Comments:

City Manager

Associated Information:

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

City Solicitor

Introduced for

- Passage
- First Reading
- Referral



CITY OF BANGOR

(TITLE.) ORDER, Authorizing the Police Department to transfer ownership of Canine Havoc to Officer Kim Donnell

By the City Council of the City of Bangor:

ORDERED,

THAT, the Police Department be authorized to transfer ownership, responsibility and liability of Canine Havoc to Officer Kim Donnell.